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College confronts race issues

By Kristin Fraser
Staff Writer

On Jan. 7, students and members of the faculty and staff met in Coltrane Lounge to discuss the College's stance on discrimination in light of recent incidents on campus. An e-mail from six students sent to faculty summarized several of these incidents, which included the Frisbee team's protested "Cowboys and Injuns" party and a now-defunct facebook.com group formed around the Public Safety announcement describing a black suspect as having "nappy hair." These incidents have generated campus-wide discussion about what constitutes discrimination and what an appropriate institutional response should be.

"We would like to see some institutional change and action," said Yashika Walker '05. "We have diversity here, but there is little attempt to make students feel comfortable. [When I experienced discrimination], I didn't get the support I would have liked."

Much of the discussion centered on what Middlebury as an institution should be doing to educate about issues of race and sexuality. Possibilities discussed were the addition of a sensitivity training segment to first-year orientation, as well as the merits of this type of training in a classroom setting.

"White students do need to learn about systemic racism and white privilege, and the social order's role in racial oppression," said Will Nash, director of the African-American Studies program. "There is a need for dialogue between students and faculty, and one place to accomplish this is in the classroom."

There was some dissention about the practical effectiveness of classroom discussion.

Said another faculty member, "Students

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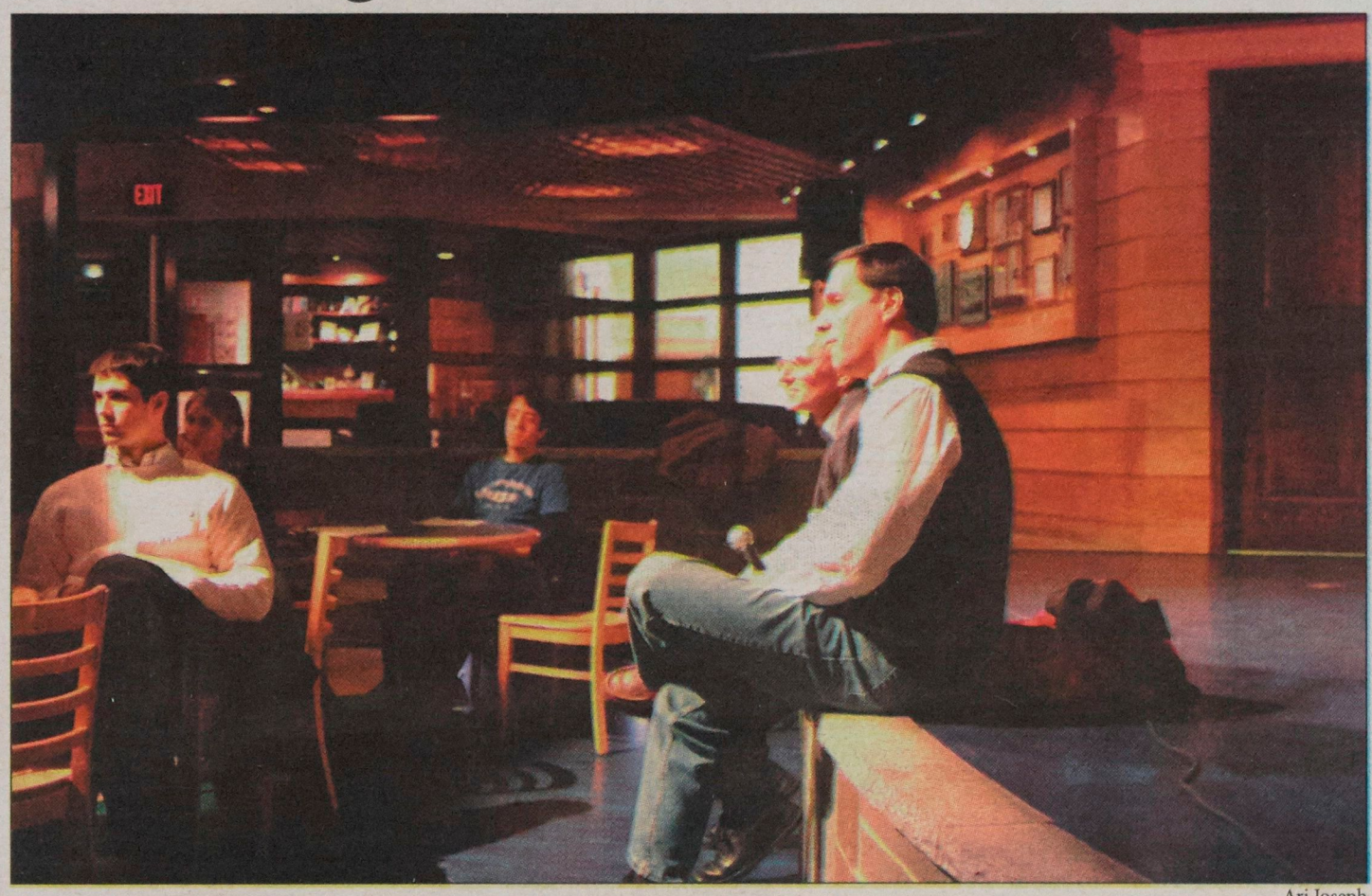
Planning committee lends an ear



Ari Joseph
President Ronald D. Liebowitz and Dean of Planning John Emerson field questions from students gathered for a Jan. 6 town hall meeting.

By Katie Flagg
News Editor

Middlebury College is ringing in the New Year with resolutions of an especially bold sort, led by a new president eager to chart the College's course for coming years. Just days after the end of the Fall 2004 term, President of the College Ronald D. Liebowitz announced his comprehensive Planning Committee for Middlebury's Future in a memorandum to the College community. According to Liebowitz, this long-term planning process "will focus renewed attention on Middlebury's core mission: to provide the strongest learning environment for the talented young people who choose to study here."

The last major planning initiative for the College culminated in the 1992 Long-Range Plan, a plan formulated under the guidance of Liebowitz's predecessor, John McCardell. McCardell's plan focused primarily on the infrastructure of the College, fostering the construction of the Center for the Arts, Chip Kenyon Arena and the Natatorium, new Ross and Atwater Commons buildings, McCardell Bicentennial Hall and, most recently, the new library.

Following the completion of many of the objectives outlined in the 1992 Plan — and, perhaps most notably, following Liebowitz's inauguration — administrators began meeting last fall to discuss the structure and direction of the new planning committee. According to convention, it is hardly extraordinary that Liebowitz should, at this point in his administration, introduce a new planning process. Said Dean of Planning John Emerson, "planning periods generally occur near the beginning of a new Presidency at a College."

Emerson is adamant that Liebowitz's plan will differ in focus and direction from McCardell's Long-Range assessment. "Our present planning process is likely to differ from the 1992 planning in that this one will focus more on people and their needs, and less on building projects, the physical plant and infrastructure,"

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Ari Joseph
Students carry the flags of nations affected by the Dec. 26 tsunami during a memorial service in Mead Chapel.

Community raising aid for tsunami victims

By Ben Salkowe
News Editor

In response to the tsunami tragedy that claimed the lives of more than 150,000 people living along the Indian Ocean, and affected countless more, Middlebury College administrators and student leaders across campus convened during the first days of the term to discuss collaborative efforts to raise financial aid for relief organizations and educate the community in understanding the disaster.

"We cannot possibly contemplate the full magnitude of this tragedy, nor what its consequences will be for the peoples and their countries directly affected," wrote President Ronald D. Liebowitz in an e-mail to the community. "However, our community can join with others across the world with acts of hope and assistance."

Liebowitz outlined several immediate responses the College was making to the disaster: raising funds for relief organizations, organizing an event to discuss and understand the disaster and its aftermath and a memorial service, held Monday afternoon in Mead Chapel.

Efforts to raise money for relief organizations began with a meeting of College administrators before the term. "We agreed to call together a group of students on the first day of classes to allow them to work out their plans together," said Laurie Jordan, chaplain of the College. "Since we [had] already had e-mails from some of the students who wanted to do something — we invited them and other student leaders."

"The meeting was an opportunity for College administrators from the Center for Campus Activities and Leadership (CCAL), Alliance for Civic Engagement, Dean of Student Affairs and the Chaplain's office to meet with some of the College's student organization leaders to offer assistance in planning and organizing their relief efforts," said Douglas Adams, the director of CCAL.

"Primarily the discussion centered around what could be done on campus for relief aid and fundraising,

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BY KATIE FLAGG

College unveils online evcnts calendar

On Jan. 5, Mary Hurlie, senior director of Administration and Organizational Effectiveness, proudly unveiled the College's new Events at Middlebury online calendar. Hurlie described the calendar as the "central, comprehensive and reliable source of information about scheduled campus events." Academic lectures, club meetings, arts and athletic events — all are strategically incorporated in the new system.

The project was born in July 2004 when the Events Scheduling Office decided that the old events calendar — the familiar blue "table tents" on display on dining hall tables — needed revising. The resulting calendar committee's brainchild is an online, up-to-the-minute 24-hour calendar, designed to manage the volume of events at Middlebury.

The new calendar is accessible from the main College Web site, and once connected to the Events at Middlebury calendar, visitors can search the calendar by either date or type of event. Clicking the event title provides more information, opening a pop-up window with details about location, admission fees and contact information. The "add to your personal calendar" feature exports events to Outlook or iCal, and the "e-mail this event" feature connect to Outlook or Mac e-mail clients to send friends reminders about event specifics.

Students interested in posting events to the online calendar can either work directly through their Commons offices or the Center for Campus Activity and Leadership (CCAL). There is also a link on the calendar to an online submission form.

Have no fear — the blue "table tents" will not be disappearing any time soon. But, as Hurlie wrote in her e-mail to the campus, "Think of them as reminders to check the new online calendar to get the most complete and up-to-date information out there."

Middlebury professors awarded NEH grants

In an unusually successful year for members of the Middlebury faculty, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) recently honored three professors with highly coveted fellowship. The NEH is an independent grant-making agency of the U.S. government, dedicated to supporting research, education and public programs in the humanities.

In the History department, Jennifer Heuer has been awarded a fellowship from the NEH for her project, "'Our sons married ninety-year olds: War and Family in the Napoleonic Empire." Heuer will combine social, cultural and gender history in order to best explore the interactions between family and war in the Napoleonic period.

In the History of Art and Architecture department, Kirsten Hoving received a NEH fellowship for her "Joseph Cornell and Astronomy" project. Cornell is widely recognized as a twentieth century master of collage. Hoving's study — dedicated to the shallow boxes that Cornell created and filled with text, pictures and objects — looks at those Cornell pieces especially devoted to the planets and the stars.

Finally, Anne Knowles of the Geography department also received a NEH sabbatical fellowship for her project. Knowles's project — "America's Iron Era: Labor and Technological Change in the Iron Industry, 1800-1868" — will include a historical GIS analysis of United States iron works and will be the first comprehensive study of the iron industry's shift from small-scale manufacturing to modern production.

The NEH fellowships support individuals interested in pursuing advanced academic work in the humanities. The grant amount generally varies from $24,000 for a six to eight month fellowship to $40,000 for a nine to twelve month fellowship.

CORRECTIONS

The Campus would like to clarify that Porter Hospital was not implicated in the anti-trust violations described in the Dec. 9 article, "Health care scam."

Class of '09 takes early shape

Admissions office releases E.D. I acceptance stats

By Eri Nosaka
Staff Writer

Five hundred and seventeen students applied for admission through the College's Early Decision program I in November (Early Decision II has a later deadline), and 196 of them were admitted to the Class of 2009 entering in September, and 19 to enter in February. The students admitted through Early Decision I will constitute just over a third of the entire Class of 2009. The target size of the Class of 2009 will be about 575 students.

Early Decision, a binding admissions program used by many institutions, is designed for students who decide early on that they would like to attend a specific school. In general, early decision applicants have slightly better odds at admission, although some contend this results from a stronger applicant pool.

After a disappointing drop in rankings in the 2005 Edition of U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges from seventh to 11th, the strong showing of early decision applicants this year demonstrated that the difference in position had little or no bearing on the consideration of Middlebury as a "hot" school.

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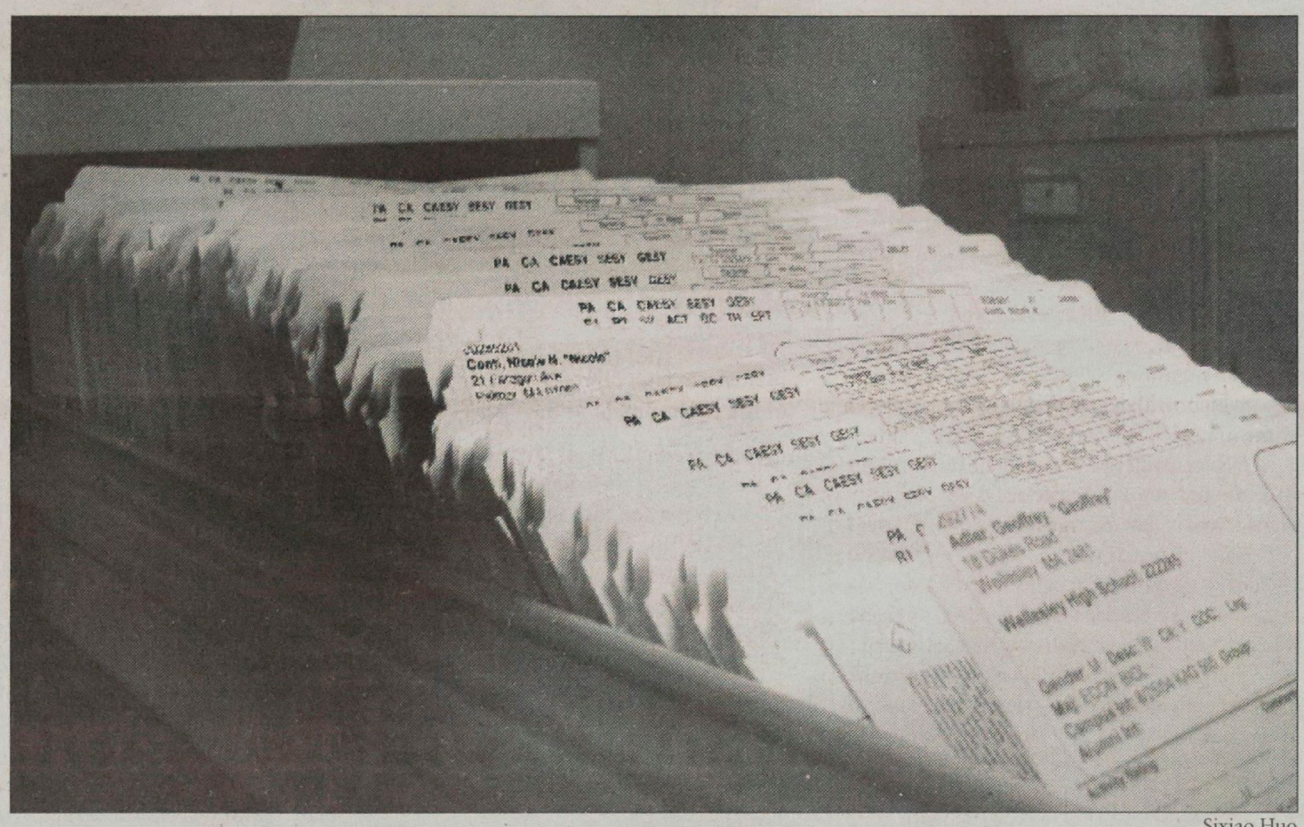
The class of 2009 proves to be extremely diverse and talented — 53 percent of the students accepted are from outside of New England and 11 nations are represented overall. The most popular intended majors are Economics, Biology and International Studies. In this small group of 215 students, 90 students held team captaincies, eight were Editors-in-Chief of school publications and nine were Class Presidents.

Similar to last year's pool of early decision applicants, since September 11 there have been fewer international applicants. Giving an example of this decrease, Barbara Marlow, associate director of Admissions said, "Due to some of the policies that America has made as a nation some students in particular, Muslim male students might be less inclined to apply to an American college. Also, there is more competition from other countries such as New Zealand, Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom — where they are actively recruiting international students."

The task of Admissions officers is yet to be complete. There are still 226 students who applied for Early Decision II. The number of students who will be accepted from that pool has yet to be decided. At a glance, however, it appears that the Class of 2009 will be a dynamic group that will prove to ameliorate the student body.



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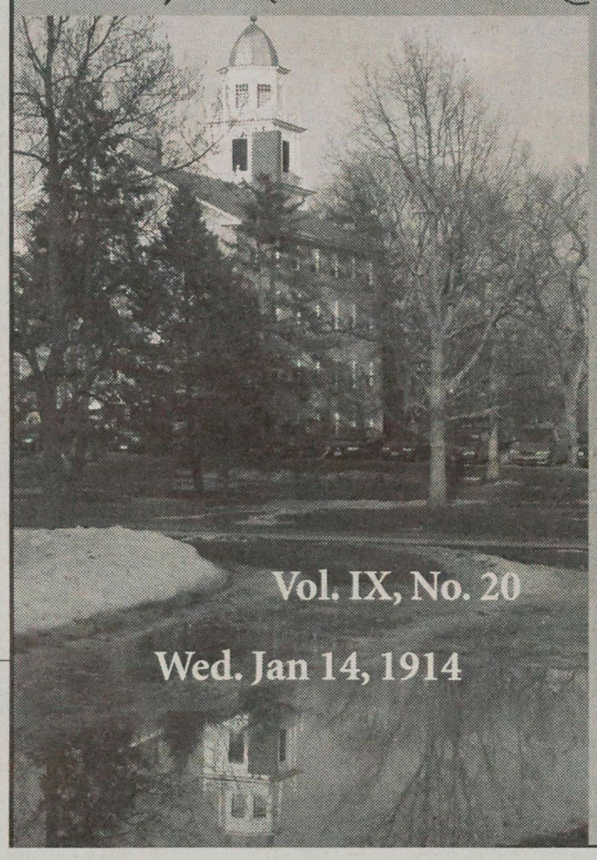
The Admissions Office handled 519 applications for Early Decision I. One hundred ninety six were accepted to the Class of 2009 for September admission and 19 students were admitted as Febs. Early Decision II statistics have not yet been released.

This Week in Middlebury History



Editorial

Show the class that you call your own that you are with it all the time. Come to the basketball games and yell, yell your heads off, no matter whether you are freshman or senior. This applies to you all. Your team may get only the honor of cellar position but show signs of life and encourage that team of yours to give the ones higher up an awful tussle putting them there. It's an honor to go down fighting in the last ditch and it's up to every man in college to aid to the utmost that little band of five who are fighting for their honor and for his. Let's see you at the gym with a good pair of lungs and plenty of ginger not only at this week's game but at every game of the season.

Opinions Submission

"Dear dad,

I'm 'broke' again. Please send me a check to cover the following items which are due February 1st. I will need $40 for tuition, and $20 for room rent and $15 for my Chem lab fee, and $2 for gym fee, and $1 for library fee, and $1 for chapel seats, and $2 for janitor service, and $5 for athletic fee and 50 cents for rent of radiator, and $1 for church sitting and $3 for social tax and $15 for what the college calls 'incidentals.' Also, please don't forget my regular allowance for board and laundry. I hope all the folks at home are well. I'm getting on great in my studies and expect to get mostly A's and B's for marks unless something happens. Oh, say, dad, will you please send me $5 for spending money, and I'll promise to try to make it last way into the middle of March at least.

Your loving son."

And after posting his letter, the ingenious pride of the family sits down to figure how much of a 'rake-off' he can expect to get on father's next check.

SHELTER FROM THE STORM

Nirvana Bhatia

With a ready smile and a shovel in hand, Jessica Horvath '07 participates in the J-term Building Snow Shelters workshop. Participants in the workshop had the opportunity to brave the elements during a night outdoors as they tested the effectiveness of their shelters.

College planning looks to future

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said Emerson.

While meetings last fall entertained discussion of the planning process and format, the President's plan was announced to the College community officially on Dec. 23. The actual strategic planning will begin during Winter Term and continue through the Fall 2005 semester.

Liebowitz has expressed views that, while the planning process will be equal in intensity to past long-term processes, the process should be confined to one calendar year. The pace of planning is due in large part to the structure of the planning committee.

As Emerson has written by way of introduction for the planning process, "the planning will be organized in ways that transcend traditional boundaries in our organizational structures." Eleven task forces have been formed, dedicated to evaluating specific, cross-departmental questions or challenges. A full list of task forces, along with rosters and objectives, is available at the Middlebury College Web site. Overseeing the progress of these 11 task forces is a steering committee comprised of 13 individuals, including two students.

"It is a complicated and large structure," said Emerson, "and it will encourage broad participation in the 11 or 12 areas represented by all the task forces. It is a structure designed to encourage fresh viewpoints and imaginative suggestions. It brings together many people with highly varied backgrounds and perspectives."

But participation in the planning process is not limited to members of the task forces and the Steering Committee. "I expect the task forces to be fully engaged with a broad cross section of the College community," Liebowitz wrote in his Dec. 23 memo, "to consider the advice and perspectives of members of Middlebury's off-campus constituents — alumni, parents and trustees."

A Jan. 6 town hall meeting kicked off the President's initiative to include the College community in the planning process. The question-and-answer session, with Liebowitz, Emerson and Dean of the College Tim Spears fielding questions from a small group of interested students. Dean of Student Affairs Ann Hanson was also in attendance.

"The purpose of the planning process is to chart the course of the College," Liebowitz explained. He identified the process as a "chance to be critical [of Middlebury] in both positive and negative ways."

The town hall meeting, said Liebowitz, presented a forum to "engage as much of the community as possible" in the upcoming planning process.

Liebowitz entertained questions from students ranging from social life on campus to financial aid, from the stability and structure of the Commons system to the effectiveness of the Feb admissions program. He also spoke on the leveraging of the C.V. Starr language schools and Breadloaf, grade inflation, comprehensive fees, diversity on campus, the role of the environment at the College and faculty tenure.

While questions raised by those in attendance varied greatly, Liebowitz and company consistently echoed a similar message: such questions are important in the planning process, and students should contribute their suggestions and queries to the Dean of Planning for individual task force consideration.

Liebowitz also used the forum last Thursday to outline the overview of the planning process and identifying the strategic goals of his initiative. At the top of this list is Liebowitz's commitment to strengthening the College's reputation as one of the leading liberal arts colleges in the country. In his memo to the College community, he expressed a desire to "harness and build upon" the momentum the College has generated in recent decades.

Furthering the College's reputation will prove difficult, though.

"I know that Middlebury has grown gradually stronger, and achieved heightened excellence, over the past three or four decades," said Emerson. "Although our reputation has grown as well, reputations tend always to lag realities. Middlebury is better and stronger than our reputation — as strong as it is — may suggest."

Liebowitz is also dedicated to enhancing the reputation of the College's summer language programs and both the Breadloaf School of English and the Breadloaf Writers' Conference. "These are the best programs and the country and sometimes the world," Liebowitz said at the Presidential forum. He acknowledged a commitment to "trumpeting their excellence," noting that the College has the "opportunity to showcase those entities."

An evaluation of the Commons program is also high on the agenda — an appropriate choice, considering the number of questions raised at the town hall meeting regarding the subject. Liebowitz asserted a strong belief in the housing and residential Commons system, but he quickly agreed that there remain flaws in the still-fledgling system.

"To me," he said, "it would be a great day when we don't talk about the Commons as separate from life at Middlebury."

Liebowitz's agenda also calls for a steady growth in the annual giving to the College coupled with endowment spending reduced to and maintained at five percent. The planning process looks to reassess financial aid packaging for students, hoping to reduce financial barriers for those students who wish to study at Middlebury as well as reducing the indebtedness of College graduates.

Broader objectives for the planning process will also focus on people and the community, students, faculty, curriculum, campus and infrastructure and resources.

But the planning process is not without its complications. "One very tangible challenge is in scheduling important meetings and conversations," said Emerson, acknowledging the difficulties inherently present in organizing the large body of participants. "Students, staff and faculty are seemingly overcommitted and it's surprisingly hard to find a time when all can meet."

What can current students expect from the planning process? Emerson warns that, because "strategic planning is inherently long range," there may be "little that we are doing right now that will have a major impact on students next semester." According to Emerson, in fact, the results of the planning process are most likely to be felt by current first-year and sophomore students before they graduate.

"Certainly the work of the Task Force on Commons and Student Life, with its fairly broad agenda, is one that will affect students in tangible ways within, say, the next two years," said Emerson.

Furthermore, as the community at large has been encouraged to participate in planning, students, faculty and alumni all share a common opportunity for input and contribution in the coming months.

"Our Task Forces and our mailings and Web sites will certainly invite and encourage broad participation in planning," said Emerson. "Somewhat surprisingly, we have already had an impressive amount of voluntary input."

Emerson felt that the planning process will likely affect the way the College community views itself, as well as the strengths and priorities it possesses.

"In the long run," he said, "enhancing Middlebury's reputation and stature can only enhance the value of a Middlebury degree and the pride that all alumni have in Middlebury College. All students — past, present and future — and all staff and faculty stand to benefit from this emphasis that President Liebowitz has made so prominent in his agenda for Middlebury."

OVERSEAS BRIEFING

BY CAROLINE STAUFFER

MOROCCO — A four-hour wait for a friend's delayed flight at Casablanca's Mohamad V airport proved an appropriate introduction to the strange conglomeration of modern and ancient, progressive and conservative and rich and poor that is Morocco.

The seemingly commanding presence of the headscarf first caught my attention, but I soon noticed the diversity of the group. Women's dress ranged from the completely black, full-body veil, to colorful head wraps, to the capes worn by both the men and women of Morocco's mountain Berber tribes. Young people who could have walked down the streets of any European capital also mingled freely with those in more traditional dress.

Our first stop, Casablanca, to me merits none of the romantic connotations associated with its name. It is dirty and shows the burden of holding 3.2 million citizens of a poor nation. The Hassan II Mosque is still not large enough to hide the slums that sprawl out from Casablanca city center. It does, however, represent the country's sincere attempt to reach out to the non-Muslim world. Built in the early 1990's to portray Islam as a religion open to science and progress, it is the only Mosque in the country that non-Muslims may enter.

Traveling as two unaccompanied western women, my friend and I were stared down and verbally harassed at the few places we ventured outside our hotel despite our conservative dress. I left the city with a cheap pair of tacky knock-off Gucci sunglasses from the Medina and little desire to return.

Any distaste I had developed towards Morocco after Casablanca, however, was completely reversed thanks to the people in Marrakesh, a smaller city four hours south of Casa by train. We were lucky to have connections with a traditional, yet rather wealthy family in the city and were therefore able to experience traditional Moroccan culture sans destitute poverty. Moroccans are known for their lavish attention of guests and we were presented with more couscous, fish, pastries and traditional mint tea than we knew what to do with. I believe that because we were Americans our hosts were especially anxious that we enjoy our stay and leave with a positive impression.

Marrakesh is truly unique. The bright orange buildings and blue skies give the unofficial southern capital a more African and less Middle-Eastern feel. Indeed, only the high Atlas Mountains separate Marrakesh from the Sahara desert. The gold-laden royal palaces with their orange-tree courtyards seem like something out of Sherezade's Arabian Nights, while donkey carts and pedestrians compete with automobiles in the chaos of the streets.

Marrakesh has the largest Medina in Africa. The people bargain for everything from cactus fruit to televisions in the street markets, and tradesmen and customers alike seem to enjoy the tradition. The Medina opens up to the infamous Djemaa el-Fna square where snake charmers and their cobras are seen in the daytime, and which turns into a loud and jam-packed spectacle at night.

Our last night in Morocco was spent dining with a more modern family in what could have basically been a house in any American suburb. Most of the conversation was lost on me as I do not speak French, but I am told that when politics came up, the family emphasized their ability to separate opinions toward American citizens from their feelings toward the current U.S. government, but in turn expected the same of Americans — that the diversity inside the Arab world be recognized and that the words Muslim and terrorist not be automatically linked.

Discrimination discussed at campus forum

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have been taught to speak a certain way in class. It is clear that they are shoving off from classroom discussions about these issues and talking about it in other forums. The challenge is being able to talk about it in a down-to-earth, instead of just a theoretical, way."

It is mostly within these more informal forums that controversial issues have arisen. The e-mail sent to faculty began, "The level of insensitivity on this campus has reached an all-time high, and public attention should be brought to this issue."

While some students feel that the level of insensitivity has risen, others have expressed the opinion that some of it is a result of hypersensitivity to political correctness.

In one of several responses to an e-mail in which a student objected to the question for a psychology survey "At what age do you think you'll get married, if you think you're going to?" on the grounds that it was heteronormative, a student wrote that the survey had been "unnecessarily politicized."

"Absolute political correctness makes real discussion taboo," said Anna Wishart '07.

At the Jan. 7 meeting, the problem of non-minority students staying silent about these opinions in open discussions, for fear of being called racist or homophobic, was examined.

"Many [Caucasian] students feel uncomfortable saying these things in that type of setting, so they stay silent, and it just comes out later in other ways," said one faculty member. "But the only way to solve the conflict is to talk about it."

"I think the approach should be, 'Can we discuss this?' instead of 'This is a problem.'"

— J.S. Woodward '06

Some suggested that the problem lay in how the discussions are often framed.

"When a [remark or action] is called discriminatory or racist, a lot of [non-minority] students feel defensive," said J.S. Woodward '06, co-chair of Community Council. "I think the approach should be, 'Can we discuss this?' instead of 'This is a problem.'"

While there is a general consensus that students and faculty alike would benefit from more discussion of sensitive issues, the College's official institutional role in guiding or regulating these conversations is less clear. The problem of deciding which situations to take a stance on and which ones are just part of the free discourse can be complicated.

"Things will always be said that are going to offend people, and it is difficult to draw the line between free speech and outright discrimination," said Murray Dry, Charles A. Dana professor of Political Science. "It is important to have a truly full and fair discussion of these issues. We don't want to start a censorship regime."

Students and faculty plan to continue meeting to further discuss Middlebury's role in dealing with issues of discrimination.

"We want to feel that we have a place on campus, and that we aren't simply defined by being 'minority students,'" said Walker.

In the face of controversy, both students and faculty expressed a desire to see this as an opportunity for growth.

Said a faculty member, "It's important to give students the skills to disagree, sometimes strongly, but to still be respectful and to respect each other's right to free speech."

Nirvana Bhatia

The Jan. 5 forum, held in Coltrane Lounge, fostered discussion on discrimination at Middlebury.

Lamberti endows award

Professor Emerita of history donates $100,000 to fund

By Laura K. Budzyna
STAFF WRITER

One of the most valued honors bestowed on Middlebury professors — the annual Marjorie Lamberti Faculty Appreciation Award — has just received a generous financial boost from Professor Emerita of History Marjorie Lamberti herself.

This past October, Lamberti met with Student Government Association (SGA) President Andrew Jacobi '05 to discuss a substantial endowment to her namesake award's fund. She donated $100,000 to this fund, which will finance the monetary part of the gift as well as extended academic pursuits.

The interest from the grant will go to future award recipients to aid them in their research endeavors, and any spillover funds will go toward a scholarship fund. Lamberti's donation will ensure that the award continues to recognize and honor Middlebury College's most valuable professors for years to come.

Middlebury students have a chance every year to nominate and to choose one exceptional faculty member to present with a sizeable monetary award.

Lamberti was one of the award's first honorees. Upon her retirement in 2002, the SGA fastened her name to the award as a tribute to, according to the SGA charter, "her service and dedication to the Middlebury College community."

Lamberti spoke highly of the award. "This award honors faculty members who have demonstrated excellence in teaching and dedication by giving time, energy and effective effort in encouraging and supporting students in their search for knowledge and in their intellectual development inside and outside of the classroom," she said.

Jacobi pointed out that because the students themselves decide the recipients, it is considered to be a very prestigious honor. "Professor Lamberti was a recipient of this prize, and she says that receiving this honor from her own students was one of the highlights of her career," he said.

To determine the next recipient of the award, next spring, Dean of Faculty Susan Campbell will request nominations from all students via e-mail.

The junior and senior members of the SGA will then select a five-student panel to deliberate over the nominations and to decide on a recipient.

Later, during Staff and Faculty Appreciation Week, Jacobi will present the framed award along with a check to the 2005 winner.

College community remembers victims

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but we also discussed long term development aid, a memorial service and educational efforts."

Fundraisers have now begun appearing across campus. In recent e-mails to students, Commons Resident Advisors kicked off an intercommons "Tsunami Change Challenge" — taking the opportunity of charity to advance commons spirit. According to the fundraiser rules, the goal is "to raise more Penny Points than any other Commons, thus making your Commons superior in every way to all the others." By donating pennies or paper bills to their Commons' office, students raise their commons' "penny points." By donating nickels, dimes or quarters through another commons', they lower that commons' "Penny Points."

Some of the other ideas that are being pursued include a collection drive in the dining halls, a 50/50 Raffle at a hockey game, and a benefit concert, said Adams.

In a follow-up meeting the group of students and administrators chose four organizations to send collected donations to: the American Red Cross, Karuna Trust, Oxfam and Save the Children.

"We discussed not wanting to work through any governments — and talked about the various problems with both poor administration and corruption that some groups have," said Jordan. "We ended up thinking that we would like to allow people to be able to make a choice and also to learn about more than one of the agencies."

In addition to fundraising, the College is planning to hold an academic event for discussion and understanding of the tragedy. "A number of offices on campus are in the process of organizing an event at which those familiar with the region and expert in the nature of the natural tragedy itself will present material to help us learn about the tragedy and its aftermath," said Liebowitz.

"Our community is strengthened by the diversity of our responses to tragedy and by the respect and curiosity we hold for each other."

—Laurie Jordan College Chaplain

Information on the time, place and speakers at the event has yet to be announced, though interest in considering and understanding the issues of the disaster is large.

"I think students are interested in finding ways to help and show solidarity with the victims of the tsunami," said Jordan. "Many of them are using the internet and the news outlets to learn more about what happened and how the relief efforts are going."

Finally, a memorial service was also held on Monday to remember victims of the tragedy. The service began with a procession of students from countries bordering the Indian Ocean, bearing their native flags. As Jordan read a welcome, candles were lit at the front of the Chapel.

A variety of readings were then shared, showcasing the College's international character. "Our community is strengthened by the diversity of our responses to tragedy and by the respect and curiosity we hold for each other," said Jordan, introducing the readers at the service.

The texts ranged from a recitation in Tamil by Vani Sathisan '07 to a Wordsworth poem read by Allison Byerly, vice president for Academic Affairs and professor of English. Students also ran a donation table at the service. The final selection before a benediction by Rabbi Ira Schiffer, associate chaplain of the College, was a moving Buddhist reading read by Nirvana Bhatia '07.

"May all beings everywhere plagued with sufferings of body and mind, instead of an ocean of sorrow, obtain an ocean of happiness and joy," read Bhatia from *Bodhicaryavatara*. "For as long as they remain in cyclic existence, may their mundane happiness never decline, and may all of them uninterruptedly receive waves of joy."

Individuals interested in assisting with events and fundraisers, or making a contribution to a relief organization, are urged to contact the chaplain's office.

Eric Davis preps for retirement

Secretary of the College to step down after Commencement

By Myra Palmero
Staff Writer

In March 2004, Secretary of the College Eric Davis announced that he would be stepping down from his position as Secretary after May 2005 Commencement to join the faculty as a full-time Professor of Political Science before his final retirement in January 2008.

Though Eric Davis was appointed as Secretary of the College in 1997, he had been part of the faculty since 1980 as a Political Science professor. In 1991 he was appointed as dean of academic programs, and chief information officer in 1997. In his 25 years at Middlebury, Davis has been involved with academic and curricular matters, having served on the Educational Affairs Committee or its predecessor committees for 18 of the 25 years.

Before current President Ronald D. Liebowitz was appointed president in April, Davis decided to step down as Secretary, believing that whoever was to become the new president should have the opportunity to fill a senior administrative position with someone who would be able to spend years developing the changes that the new administration would be making. Though Davis has enjoyed working as an administrator, tackling the College's interesting issues, being a part of the College's changes in the last, watching Fred Rogers sing the "Mr. Rogers" theme song and being able to give Meryl Streep stage directions at Commencement, he did not want to spend the rest of his remaining years before retirement in Old Chapel. Davis said, "I have always considered myself a political scientist who has happened to be in the administration, rather than a professional administrator, and I knew it was time for me to be spending more time teaching about, reading about, thinking about, and writing about politics."

Davis recounted that in his 25 years at Middlebury, three administrative accomplishments of which he is most proud are chairing the committee that developed the first-year seminar program from 1985 to 1988, participating in decisions about the 30-position growth of the faculty, and chairing the committee that developed the program for the new library.

Of the First-Year Seminar program, Davis stated, "The FYS program has been one of the most significant curricular changes at Middlebury in the past quarter-century, guaranteeing all first-year students a place in a small, writing-intensive seminar in their first semester and having those students' faculty adviser be the teacher of one of their courses, whom they see two or three times a week in class."

Of the new library, Davis commends Gwathmey Siegal and Associates' firm for translating the College's hope for a library that would "reflect the centrality of the academic enterprise in the life of Middlebury College" into the architecture on the historic "front lawn" of the campus, Old Stone Row. Despite the many changes and strides that the College has taken, however, Davis says that Middlebury continues to exemplify values of when he first arrived in 1980 of recognizing every Middlebury member's unique qualities and the importance of faculty-student interaction at a liberal arts college.

Davis looks forward to returning to the faculty, working with students and teaching what he calls a "mix of new and old standard courses" in his last two years. In the fall, he will be teaching his final first-year seminar on the English Cathedrals, and will be doing a "farewell tour" of his favorite political science courses: the introductory American politics course, and courses on Congress, U.S. elections, and comparative elections.

When Davis leaves in 2008, he will be devoting his time to study the response of the Democratic Party to the 2004 election results and the strategies the Democratic Party and Democratic candidates choose to pursue in the run-up to the 2008 presidential election.

Only a few months before stepping down as Secretary, Davis is optimistic that the College will continue to make great changes. Davis stated, "I am confident that under the leadership of President Liebowitz, with an extremely committed, resourceful, and energetic administrative team, and with the generous support of an engaged Board of Trustees and alumni body, this College will make even

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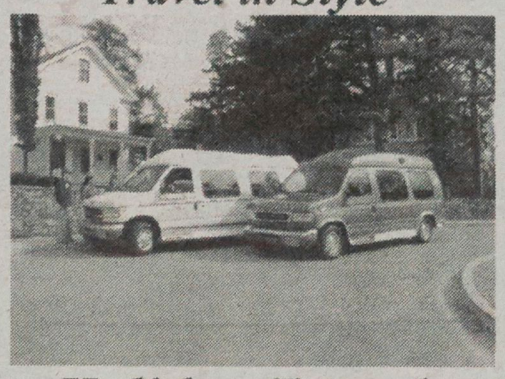

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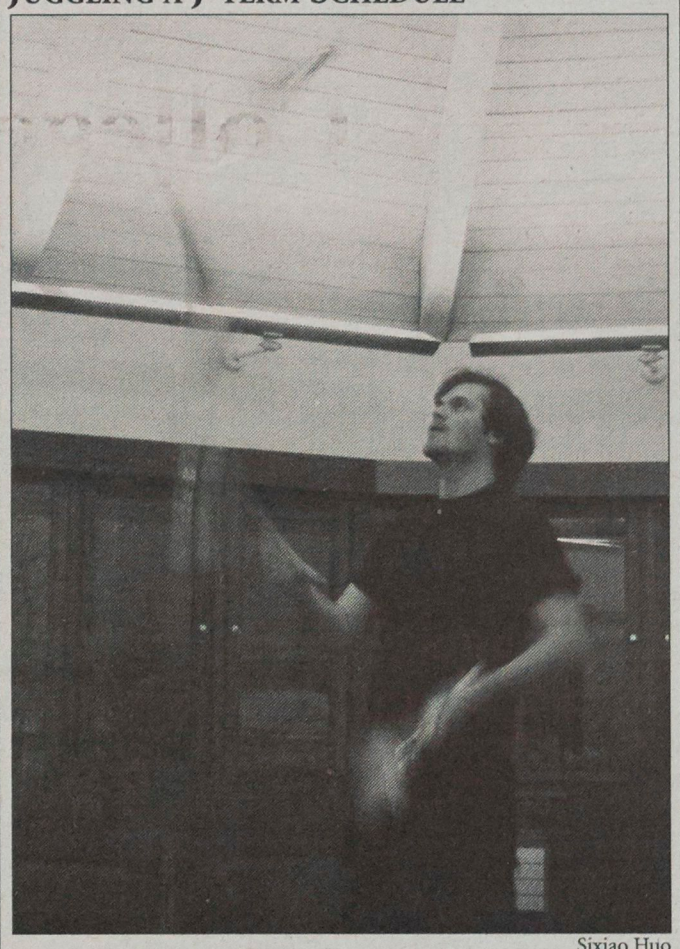

Sixiao Huo
After a day of class (and skiing), students enjoy an introduction to the finer arts of juggling on Jan. 11. Derek Walker '06 demonstrates the finer techniques.

public safety log

JANUARY 4, 2005 TO JANUARY 9, 2005

DATE	TIME	INCIDENT	CATEGORY	LOCATION	DISPOSITION
1/4/05	Unknown	Theft	Refrigerator/Microwave Oven	Coffrin	Open
1/5/05	2:23 a.m.	Vandalism	Drywall	Hadley	Open
1/5/05	8:48 p.m.	Drug Violation	Marijuana	Hepburn	Referred to Commons Dean
1/6/05	4:40 p.m.	Vandalism	Vehicle	T Lot	No Suspects
1/7/05	Unknown	Vandalism	Wall	Milliken	Open
1/7/05	10:45 p.m.	Drug Violation	Marijuana	Palmer (ZOO)	Referred to Commons Dean
1/9/05	5:33 a.m.	Vandalism	Window	Palmer (ZOO)	No Suspects
1/9/05	12:42 a.m.	Theft	Sign	Outside	Referred to Commons Dean

ALCOHOL: This week there were 15 reported incidents of alcohol possession by a minor. All incidents were reported to Commons Deans. Incidents occured in Le Chateau, Prescott (ADP), Battell, Ross, KDR, Brackett (Tavern), KDR, Jewett House and Perkins.

COLLEGE SHORTS

BY ANDREA GISSING

UC-Davis political scientist sues CIA for info

Larry Berman, University of California-Davis political scientist and historian, filed a Freedom of Information lawsuit against the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) after the CIA refused to release Vietnam-era presidential briefings.

Berman's lawsuit is challenging the CIA's "blanket policy" of refusing to release the President's Daily Briefs, the president's daily international news source. Berman alleges that they do not threaten national security, or are completely innocuous, and so should be released. Specifically, Breman wants four briefs released, two from 1965 and two from 1968.

The CIA's Acting Information and Privacy Coordinator Alan Tate responded to Berman in a letter. In it Tate denied the CIA's responsibility to release the brief, claiming that they contained "inherently privileged, predecisional and deliberative material for the president." They denied Berman's request, citing three Freedom of Information exemptions pertaining to information regarding national defense or foreign policy.

Berman wants to use the briefs to gain new insight into how the CIA advised President Lyndon Johnson about the situation in Vietnam.

— U-Wire

U-Md receives grant for terrorism research

Using a $12 million grant issued by the department of Homeland Security, the University of Maryland will create a research center to study how people become terrorists, what motivates them to strike and how communities cope with their threat. The university will lead the fourth Homeland Security Center of Excellence, making the institution part of a growing network of university-based programs devoted to aspects of the homeland security mission. Tom Ridge, head of Homeland Security, will solicit applicants for a fifth center, which would study preparation, recovery and resilience in the face of large-scale natural and human-made disasters.

The site at U-Md. will be called the Homeland Security Center of Excellence for Behavioral and Social Aspects of Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism. Scholars will study forces that create terrorists, how terrorist groups recruit, how targets are chosen and ways to lead the groups' converts from terrorism.

— *The Washington Post*

Oregon State consulted on tsunami disaster

The O.H. Hinsdale Wave Research Laboratory at Oregon State University, home to the largest tsunami research facility in the world, was sought out for answers to pressing questions in the wake of the tsunami that hit south-east Asia in December.

Director Dan Cox explained that public outreach is an integral and expected part of the facility.

The lab was questioned by local news teams as well as CNN, NBC's "Today Show," the Discovery Channel and Spiegel TV from Germany on a variety of topics, but most often whether or not such a disaster could happen on the U.S. side of the Pacific Ocean. The researcher's response was that it already has happened, and probably would happen again.

Researches expect another giant wave to strike the Pacific Northwest within the next 300 years.

— U-Wire

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NEW SHUTTLE TO VT'S METROPOLIS

Middlebury College gets tropical

Warm temperatures cool winter fun

By Polly Johnson
Staff Writer

January at Middlebury is an image of skis and hot chocolate combined with frantic students running from building to building in an attempt to avoid the cold. However, this January there is a significant difference that cannot only be seen but can also be felt. Let us paint you a picture — breakfast at Ross is still filled with students eager to hit the slopes, yet half the Snow Bowl remains closed. The ground outside is white minus the random patches of mud and grass angering some and pleasing others. Is it really time to pull out the flip-flops or should we keep those boots and down jackets handy? Take for example, January 10, 2004. The mean temperature was a more than chilly -10° F with highs at –2°F and lows at –18°F, this all without wind chill. Yet, January 10, 2005 paints quite a different picture. The mean temperature was a balmy 32° F with highs at 37°F and lows at 26°F. You would think the warm weather would make the usual weather complaints disappear. Students have found something new to complain about: the lack of snow.

Sam Timberg '07 thinks that this January's warm weather is "a devastating and drastic change" from last year's negative temperatures. "The warm weather scares me a little bit," he says, "now I fall more on ice as opposed to snow." Not only does this "drastic" change in weather affect the normal Midd student walking to class, but for the Middlebury Ski Team, snow is a necessity which has been greatly missed so far this season. Nordic ski team member Matthew Perry Johnson '08 expressed concern about his ability to train for upcoming events. "It's really hard to train and I feel like it puts me at a disadvantage during competition." First-years and Febs, both groups experiencing J-term for the first time are shocked by the extraordinary conditions. Matthew Amoss '07.5 is shocked that the horror stories being told have not come true, "I thought it was going to be –40°F with wind-chill and I am exalted by this weather." Drew Walker '08, also experiencing his first J-term, expressed disappointment, "I was expecting to be able to jump out of my room into a 10 foot pile of snow." Sorry Drew, better luck next year. We suggest putting away those down jackets and pulling out those flip flops...just kidding we do realize that it is still below freezing and we do not want to be responsible for your frostbite and pneumonia.

Aside from the lack of snow, students are concerned that their prepaid season passes may go to waste. While only five of the fourteen trails at the Middlebury Snow Bowl are open right now the price of a season pass remains the same as if all fourteen were open: $125. Yet, the snow bowl remains open and busy. Students continue to capitalize on what's available. Though the cries of unmet expectations can still be heard throughout campus, the skis are still out and the busses remain crowded. So, $125 gone to waste? We think not. Runs at the Snow Bowl are and will remain open; there is still snow on the ground. There is really nothing to lose except your hat. Embrace the warmth; because like all things, once it's gone you will miss it.

So what's the big picture? Is global warming engulfing us, or is this just a single fluke occurrence in the weather pattern? Middlebury Professor John Isham has organized a conference on this exact topic. From January 25th-27th, leaders of environmental grassroots organizations as well as scientific experts will convene in Middlebury to discuss the current trends in global climate change. Isham has started the "What Works?" project in an attempt to help build a new movement based on the need to protect our current climate. The project refers to the need to inhibit the climate crisis, which can also be referred to as Global Warming, a phenomenon which links the increase in temperatures to an increase in greenhouse gases. Peter deMenocal, an associate professor of earth and environmental sciences at Columbia University, stated in his article about the climate crisis, "The Scientific community is now very confident that much of the warming over the past century is attributable to human activities. Global temperatures have changed for many natural reasons, of course, but when scientists try to account for the full record of global temperature changes over the past several hundred years, it is impossible to obtain a close match to the observed temperature curve without including the effects of very recent increases in greenhouse gas concentrations."

For all you Goldilocks fans we would like to leave you with a quote from Chris Straub '07 "Last year was too cold, this year is too hot, I want something that is just right!"

Andrew Cogbill

A snowshoe trail shows signs of winter activity, but some students have lamented that warm temperatures have stifled broomball and skiing.

While you are shivering in Middlebury, Vt...
Here's how your friends are fairing around the world during their studies abroad in January.

Sydney, Australia	avg. high: 79°F avg. low: 65°F
Santiago, Chile:	avg. high: 85°F avg. low: 54°F
Oxford, England:	avg. high: 44° avg. low: 32°F
Paris, France:	avg. high: 43°F avg. low: 34°F
Antananarivo, Madagascar:	avg. high: 78°F avg. low: 64°F
Madrid, Spain:	avg. high: 51°F avg. low: 32°F

VERMONT by the numbers

1666: The year the first church services were held in Vermont.

12: Percent of Vermont's children who are enrolled in private schools.

38: Number of people per square mile in Addison County in 1837.

195: Number of sheep per square mile in Addison County in 1837.

Sources: infoplease.com, shgresources.com, www. academics.vt

Shuttle connects Midd to Burlington

By Rachel Norton & Sarah Shaikh
Staff Writers

Addison County residents need not look any further for a convenient and efficient way to get into Burlington. Chittenden County Transit Authority (CCTA), in association with Addison County Transit Resources, began operating the Burlington LINK Xpress on Oct. 11, which offers two round trip rides from Middlebury to Burlington everyday. The two shuttles that are currently in operation, each with 20 seats, make stops at New Haven Junction, Vergennes, North Ferrisburgh, Charlotte and Shelburne. The current fee is three dollars each way, although CCTA is considering raising the price to four dollars in order to make profit. The first three years of operation will be funded by federal grant money, whereas from then on the fate of the shuttles lie in the hands of riders.

The shuttles depart from Merchants Row in Middlebury at 6:15 and 7:15 a.m. and arrive at Cherry Street in Burlington. They then depart Burlington at 4:45 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Since the service is relatively new, representatives from both ACTR and CCTA are working on ways to tweak and advance the service to attract even more riders. Jim Moulton, executive director of ACTR, notes that the company plans to "tighten up [the schedule] a little bit, and still serve the people we want to service." CCTA is in the stages of planning additional routes that go to Rutland as well. Maryann White, marketing and public affairs manager for the CCTA, is optimistic, noting, "We're aggressively marketing the service, and hoping that people try it out."

Students feel fairly optimistic about the service, although skepticism about the hours it operates seem to be a deterrent to some.

Benjamin Ostler Hanna '08 has "not used it," but he "would because [he] doesn't have a car.

Freshman Maegan North agrees; "I would pay the three dollars. I don't have a car and so far I've been to Burlington five times. The service makes me want to go to Burlington more often."

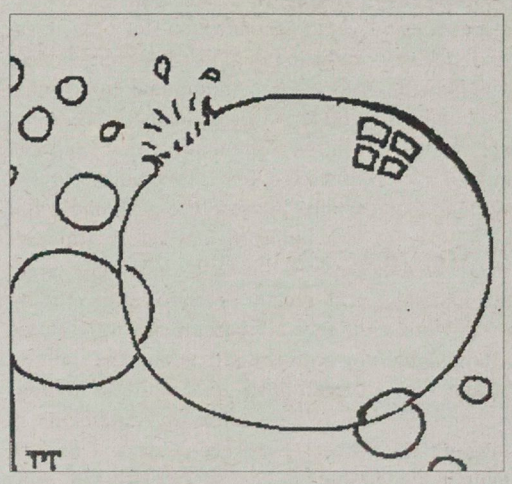
The shuttle program comes after the success of the ACTR shuttle to the Snow Bowl that was also recently put into service. Commenting on that, Moulton said that "the Snow Bowl route is going great gangbusters."

With increased publicity and routes, prospects for the Burlington LINK Xpress look promising as a cheap alternative method of transportation into Burlington.

The Ghost House of Rt. 125

Julia Randall

The house that looks like it was on the set of "The Addams Family" will soon show a new face as new owners have plans to restore the historical site to its natural form. Drive down on Rt. 125 west to see the "ghost house" while you can.



BEYOND THE BUBBLE

BY CLAIRE NIELSON AND LISIE MEHLMAN

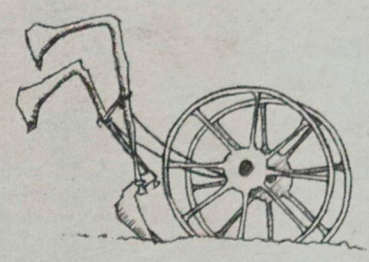
After a months-long hiatus, Middlebury's own beyond the bubble extraordinaires reemerged in the worn and slightly smelly Roo driving along Route 7. We had held, at one time, great hopes of snowshoeing and tellemarking and finding an outdoor adventure as stimulating and rewarding as "the tennis debacle" (see April 23, 2004 edition). Claire had only agreed to this on the condition that there would be no animal noises involved. However, we weren't feeling all too physical, and although tempted to revisit our little red-checked table at the restaurant formerly known as Baba's, instead, we just decided to hit up the Verizon store. Claire felt that a lack of cell phone was "salting her game," however, let's be honest, Claire has no game, and her phone doesn't really ring that often.

Anyhow, to Verizon we went. Upon entering the somewhat barren and remarkably large Verizon Wireless (said in the deep and raspy voice of James Earl Jones which Lisie constantly attempts to imitate unsuccessfully), we were greeted by an over-eager salesperson who, although we were, in fact, the only ones in the store, insisted we put our names on a list for help.

While getting rung up, Claire and Lisie brainstormed ideas for their wedding speeches. The guy behind the counter got a little too excited and felt the need to contribute. Apparently he makes quite a wedding cake. Claire felt judged when she shared with Jim her life long plan of having cheesecake. Apparently cheesecake doesn't stack well. The dejection was made worse when, after Claire dropped the pen, he asked if she was "violent much?" It's not an understatement to say we ran for the door. No, seriously, we ran.

The only cure for Claire's wounded ego was a grande nonfat pumpkin spice latte, no foam, extra whip. Starbucks it was. Although getting out of the Roo proved somewhat difficult for Lisie. Apparently walking on ice isn't Lisie's forte. Her spill on the cold, cold cement not only cheered Claire's spirits but also reminded us of an adventure we can't believe we forgot to chronicle for our beloved audience (We think that the less than stellar articles at the beginning of the year may have led to a permanent decrease in readership. Thanks for your loyalty, though, Markandbar.) Of what are we speaking you might ask? Just a little incident that will go down in history as the day Lisie almost died.

Lisie is what we like to call, politely, a novice skier. However, she decided to try her hand at the "big kids" chair lift and then a run down Proctor. With a name like that, she couldn't imagine it being anything but safe, warm, and non-judgemental. She was even hoping for some curtains. However, Proctor was closed, and somehow she ended up on Ross. It was cold, it was sterile, she almost died. In summary, Claire, who, thanks to Chris and Pris' direction and guidance on the slopes of Idaho, is an expert skier, aided Lisie in surviving her 45 minute trip down the mountain. The highlights of which included Lisie learning to falling leaf. Lisie claiming that she was going to take her skis off and walk. Claire telling Lisie to shut the hell up and turn. An impolite boy yelling "yardsale" when Lisie took one of the finer of her 14 spills. Claire responding with words that did not necessarily demonstrate her Charlotte from Sex and the City wannabe persona. NOONE would have judged Lisie with such vehemence on Proctor. Please. Lisie was overcome with relief upon making it down the mountain, and hearing that she had actually survived a black diamond trail did make her laugh, although not enough to convince her that staying off the slopes for a while was a good idea. She is hoping for an OC episode featuring a ski trip so that she can live vicariously through the gang, and also because we really want to see if Marissa can manage to make it down the hills drunk.



Rural Banter

BY ERICA GOODMAN

No need to lose anymore sleep. The snow is finally here. Let J-term begin.

For the avid skiers and snowboarders around campus, I understand your previous concern. The weather outside has been less than frightful so far this winter. With the thermometer during most of December ranging in the 40s and 50s and a very mild first week in January, it looked as if the semester was off to a rather green start.

Unprecedented warm weather has kept the Green Mountains plush and budding with photosynthesis. But I offer to you this — Are the mountains *themselves* the cause of global warming forces?

Drive along any roadway in Vermont and you will see the source of our environmental problems — long driveways of loose gravel that twist and turn in steep, narrow threads. Add a few inches (or sometimes feet) of snow, a dash of ice and a pinch of freezing rain, and voilà! You have yourself a slippery slope of wintertime disaster. Since someone has yet to install a crane or a ski lift to carry his car from the base of his driveway to his front door, many Vermonters have invested in SUVs and other four-wheel drive vehicles.

Is the solution, then, to take a Goliath size bulldozer and flatten the frosty peaks? Alright. Maybe blaming global warming on the environmentally-conscious inhabitants of the sparsely populated Green Mountains is not the correct course of action. In fact, the hilly landscape is vital to the livelihood of thousands. Catering to winter sports enthusiasts is an economic way of life for thousands of Vermonters.

One out of every five visitors to Vermont arrives and vacations in the winter, whether to hit the slopes, ride the trails or patiently wait on a frozen lake for the fish to bite. According to a tourism study conducted by the University of Vermont, winter tourism spending provides over $220 million in personal income to Vermonters with a total impact of more than 21,000 jobs. From the man who sells the lift tickets at Sugarbush to the restaurant owners in Stowe to the ice skate sharpener at Forth n' Goal, men and women across the state carry their livelihood in the heart of the Green Mountains.

The fluffy white precipitation that we crave for its aesthetic and entertainment value is for them detrimental to keeping their businesses up and running.

And so with rain once again in the weather forecast, I urge you to take a moment from your sulking that you will be unable to ski for every day of J-term and remember what the snowy heights mean to our neighbors.

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Editorial

Open your eyes and minds

In recent memory, the relative size of the world has shrunk. This is apparent to anyone who has ever chatted online or e-mailed a friend who lives in another country. The time it takes to circumnavigate the globe can be measured in hours, not months. As a result, events that occur on one side of the world can significantly affect people a hemisphere away.

It is an unfortunate reality that this closeness is most pronounced during times of tragedy. It is hopeful, however, that — though normally indifferent to the situation of a family down the block — when the tsunami blanketed the coastlines of nations surrounding the Indian Ocean on Dec. 26 people stood up to help in any way possible. In response to the death and destruction caused by the 9.0 earthquake that occurred off the coast of Sumatra, affecting 10 countries including Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Thailand, and India, the global community mounted a tremendous effort to aid the region giving money, food or time, sending well-wishes to the survivors and collectively mourning the extreme loss of life. Within two weeks of the disaster, donor countries have promised an unprecedented $717 million to a United Nations appeal for emergency aid. This figure does not account for the efforts made by individuals acting out of the goodness of their hearts.

Global movements like this occur in response to many scenarios outside of natural disasters, however what has not been as prevalent in this case is conditional help based upon race, religion or situation. People now are going out of their way to help other people, not because they are being oppressed by a rival ideology, but because they are in need of aid. It is at times like these when true human compassion shows through and sends a hopeful message to all that we truly are a global community, that we are willing to lend a hand to neighbors in times of need. Petty differences or arguments are put aside as people focus on what is important, the welfare of those around us.

After the media coverage eventually goes away and reports of the continuing situation in South-East Asia is given fewer minutes on late-night news, the recovery will still be on-going. Let us not forget how the world stood together. Continue to act in ways that works towards improving the quality of life for everyone. When disasters pass and wars subside, the world will still be a small place and it will be comforting for others to know that they are not being ignored or overlooked.

Do your part — volunteer some of your free time and go to some of the weekend work sites that the Middlebury Volunteer Service Organization arranges. Drop spare change in your common's change jar. Write a friend or family member far away from you a card to say you are thinking of them. Take time to learn about a different culture or ideology, increase your awareness about the global community that we are all a part of. Take a moment and think about the people who lost their homes and livelihood to the tsunami. Think about those who lost their homes or lives to the mudslide that took place in La Conchita, Ca. this past week. Think about troops stationed far from home, or those who live their lives faced with the constant threat of warfare. Be thankful for the heat in the dorm rooms and the plentiful food and fresh water in the dining halls. Do not take anything for granted if you can help it. Live your life in ways that makes it better and makes it better for others around you.

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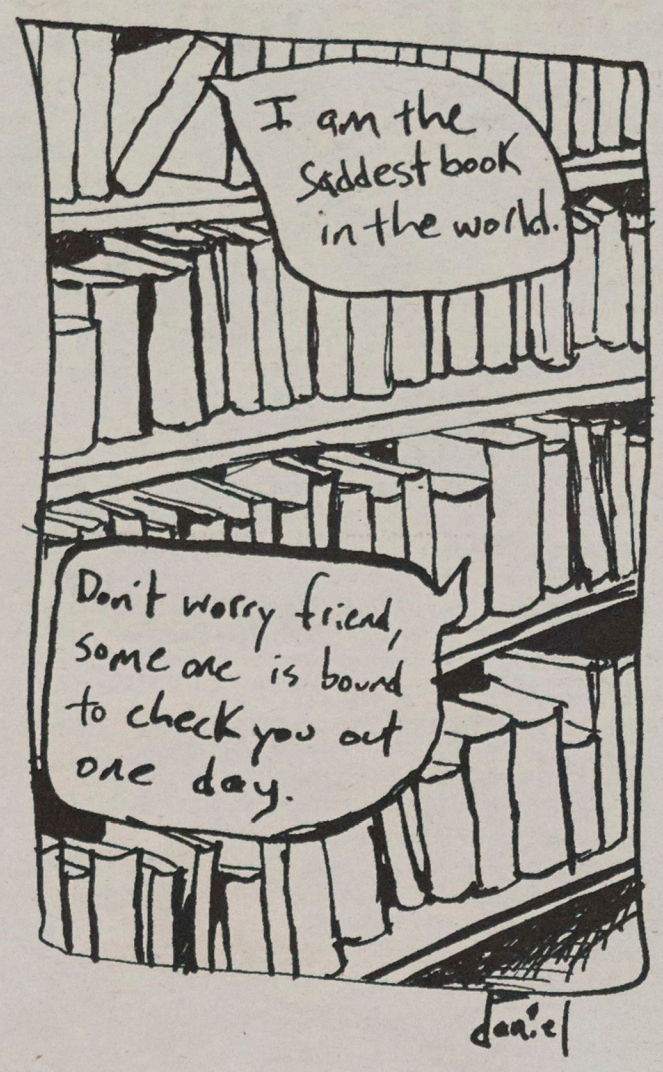

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

In an article in last month's *Middlebury Campus* ["Santa Meets Secularism," December 9], I never said that "for several years I have sent out an all-faculty, all-staff e-mail protesting the naming of the holiday tree." This year was the very first time I got involved with this issue. What I did say was that in the past other members of the faculty and staff had raised the question in various settings and that I thought it was high time for a full discussion of the matter.

Sincerely,
Michael Katz
C.V. Starr Professor of Russian

To the Editor:

With reference to the article in last month's *Middlebury Campus* [Santa Meets Secularism, December 9], the argument over the tree may be trivial, but the point is worth making.

Almost no one objects to the lighted tree, which is beautiful and which everyone can enjoy. The objection is to calling it a "holiday" rather than a "Christmas" tree. What "holiday" other than Christmas does the tree represent? None — certainly not Divali, Ramadan, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or other festivals celebrated by some members of the Middlebury community in late fall and early winter. Who in the "real world" looks at a lighted evergreen and says, "What a beautiful holiday tree"? No one!

Even if the tree originated as a borrowing from pagan solstice observances, it is so universally associated with Christmas that calling it a "holiday" tree immediately raises the question of why it is not called a Christmas tree. The answer is either that the College does not want to acknowledge that it celebrates Christmas or that it is pretending to celebrate everyone's holiday equally. Neither is true. The College is really selecting a symbol of the majority's holiday and pretending that with a change of name it can be applied to all. The intention is good but the result is institutional hypocrisy.

Since this is an institution whose mission includes the search for truth and insistence on intellectual honesty, why not just practice truth in celebration and call a Christmas tree a Christmas tree?

Sincerely,
Michael Olinick
Professor of Mathematics
Judy Olinick
Russian Department
Coordinator

To the Editor:

I was shocked to read the lead article of the most recent edition of *The Middlebury Campus*, entitled "Dining to Ditch Dish Recovery." As the student who not only re-established the Dish Recovery System but also co-moderated the discussion that called for its termination, I find it reprehensible that I was not contacted for information for the article. Because the author did not seek out sufficient information regarding the Dish Recovery System and recent decisions surrounding it, several inaccuracies were stated in both the article and the opinion piece ("Fall 2004 College Evaluations"). In addition, statements in the article were portrayed as fact, when in reality they are the opinions of individuals involved in the Dish Recovery System and are not shared by all interested parties. I strongly encourage students to attend hall and dorm meetings, which will be taking place during January, to learn about future solutions to the dish loss problem from informed sources, and PLEASE BRING YOUR DISHES BACK TO THE DINING HALL.

Sincerely,
Clare O'Reilly '05
SGA Director of
Environmetal Affairs

Dean deserves DNC chair position

Earlier this week, former Vermont Governor and Presidential candidate Howard Dean declared his candidacy for chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Dean is the clear choice to lead the Democratic Party back to the prominent position, which it held for decades before falling to centrist politics during the mid-1990s.

In a statement sent out to over half a million supporters, Governor Dean shared his ideas for the future of the party. "The Democratic Party," he said, "needs a vibrant, forward-thinking, long-term presence in every single state and we must be willing to contest every race at every level. We will only win when we show up and fight for the issues important to all of us." While the Democratic Party ran many excellent campaigns in the 20 or so states it decided to target during the last election cycle, it has yet to show a firm dedication to winning in all 50 states.

Having lost the Democratic nomination for President in the primaries after being the clear frontrunner for much of the early campaign season, it would have been understandable for Governor Dean to step back from electoral politics for a while. He did not. Instead he started Democracy For America, a political 527 organization dedicated to helping socially progressive, fiscally responsible candidates run for office at every level of government. Their elected candidates range from precinct constables to governors and United States senators.

In the race for DNC chairman, Governor Dean will face several other qualified candidate as well as former Congressman Tim Roemer (D-IN), who opposes key party principles such as a woman's right to choose. Former Denver Mayor Wellington Webb leads the rest of the pack, followed closely by former Texas Congressman Martin Frost, Democratic Strategist Donnie Fowler and New Democratic Network head Simon Rosenberg. Each offers his own credentials, but it is unlikely that any could be as successful in the position as Governor Dean.

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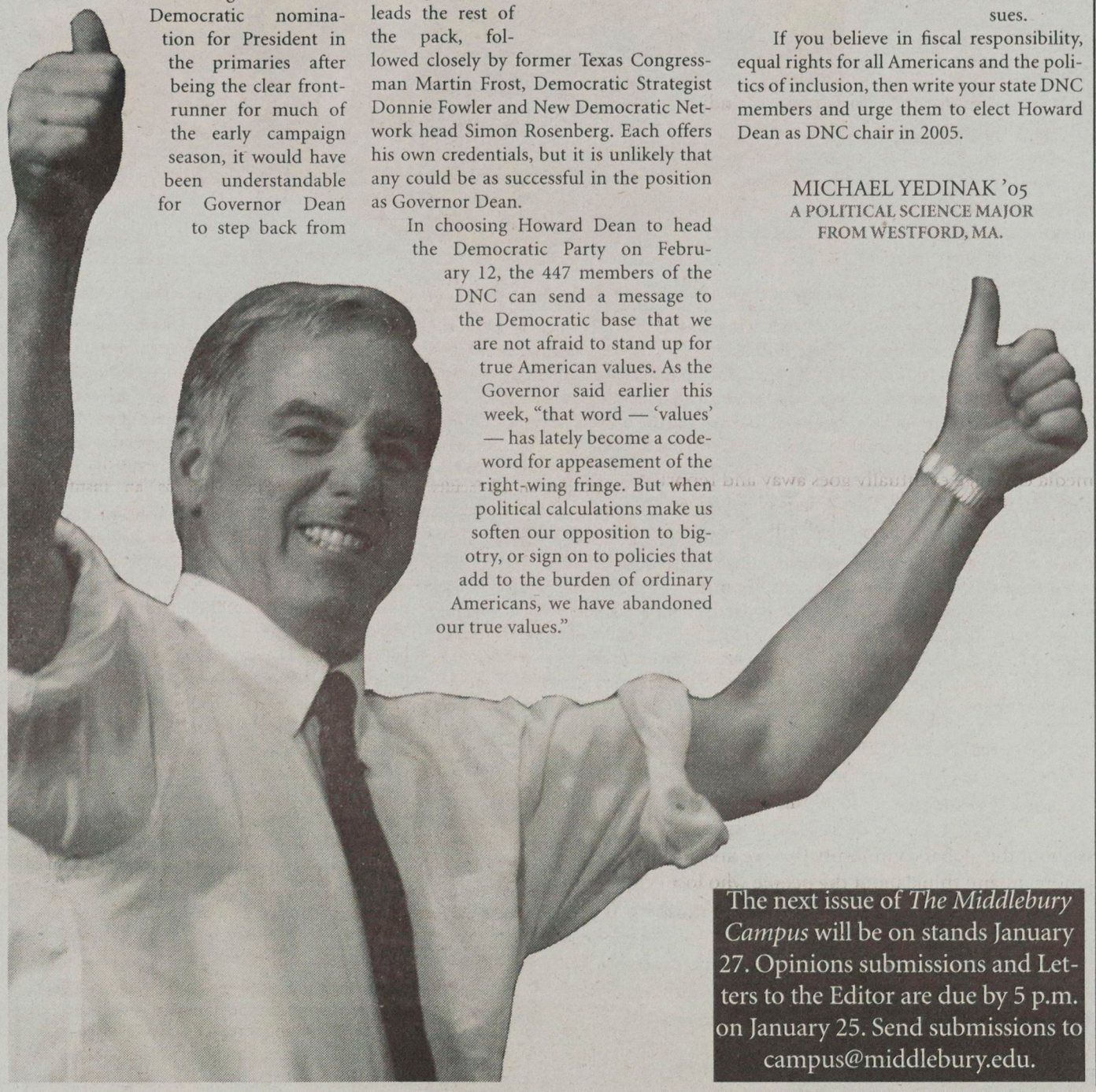
The next four years will witness an assault on key American civil liberties. As President Bush nominates Supreme Court justices who will try to eradicate a woman's right to choose, erodes the benefits our grandparents get while protecting HMO's (17 percent increase in Medicare premiums this year!), appointed an attorney general who has advocated the use of torture, and attacks the rights of gay Americans to live their own lives, it is of key importance that the Democratic Party stand for their issues.

If you believe in fiscal responsibility, equal rights for all Americans and the politics of inclusion, then write your state DNC members and urge them to elect Howard Dean as DNC chair in 2005.

MICHAEL YEDINAK '05
A POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR
FROM WESTFORD, MA.



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Sam Says

A Political Commentary

By Sam Wilson

The 109th Congress has now started session and is ready to legislate. Eager to give them something to legislate, President George W. Bush is starting his campaign to sell Social Security privatization. Oh, exciting time!

The president would have us believe that Social Security is headed for a "crisis," because when the Boomers retire Social Security will start paying out more than it takes in. I hate to sound cynical, but not finding weapons of mass destruction in Iraq or legitimate Iraqi ties to al Qaeda really cuts down his credibility for me. So I was at first a little skeptical of this crisis.

Then I remembered that he did not emphasize this too much during the campaign. Social Security received a scant four sentences in his nomination speech over the summer and there was no mention a crisis or an iceberg. In that speech and the rest of his campaign, he spoke much more about health care, tax reform and banning gay marriage. So, if Social Security is really in crisis, why didn't we hear about it last summer and fall? Crises generally get a good deal of campaign coverage, but strangely I recall seeing a lot more about gay marriage and Swift Boat Vets than a Social Security Crisis. And thus, my skepticism grew.

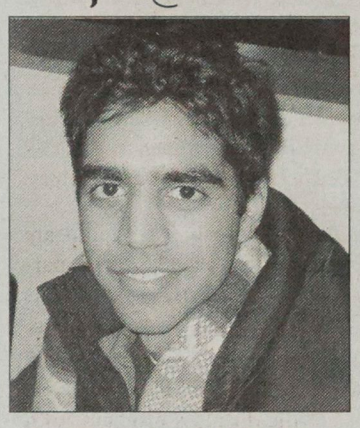
When looking at the current Social Security situation it is apparent that "crisis" may be a bit of hyperbole. The Social Security trust fund has over $1.5 trillion in it, and will continue to take in more money than it spends until 2018. The Social Security Trustees say that it will be able to pay full benefits until 2042. To put this in perspective, there was a Social Security crisis in 1983. Then the trust fund was *days* from insolvency, not 37 years.

MIT economics professor Peter Diamond told the *New York Times*, "There is a problem, but there is no basis for calling it a crisis… [The crisis of 1983] was readily fixed without radical reforms, and it's obvious that be done again."

So why this urge to privatize social security? It could be that this is really about political ideology, which is being sold as pragmatism. Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal is still one of the defining aspects of modern politics. Since its inception, Democrats have generally accepted government programs as necessary and beneficial for the country. Republicans are generally more opposed to them, since they require higher taxes and often interfere with the markets.

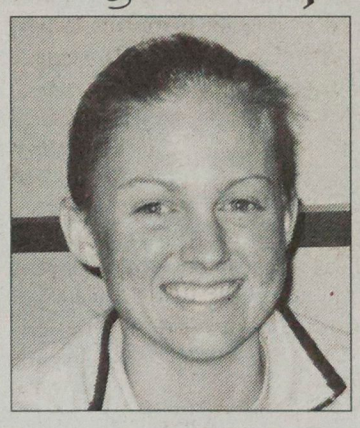
Social Security is one of the original remaining New Deal programs. A leaked White House memo, written by Karl Rove-deputy Peter Wehner stated, "For the first time in sixty years, the Social Security battle is one we can win — and in doing so, we can transform the political and philosophical landscape of the country." This suggests that the administration is actually working towards the super conservative ideal of dismantling the New Deal. This is the first time in sixty years that we have had a Republican President not up for reelection and a Republican Congress that may go along with it.

The Middlebury Campus online poll



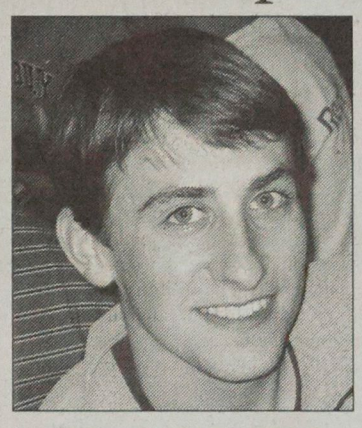
I HATE IT BECAUSE IT'S TWO EXTREMES. YOU'RE EITHER MARRIED OR YOU'RE HOOKING UP. IT DOESN'T LEAVE MUCH ROOM FOR ANYTHING IN BETWEEN.

— FARHAD PEERANI '05



THERE'S NO PLACE TO GO AND YOU CAN'T GO OUT ON A DATE WITHOUT EVERYONE KNOWING YOU. YOU GO TO UP'S AND EVERYONE'S STARING AT YOU.

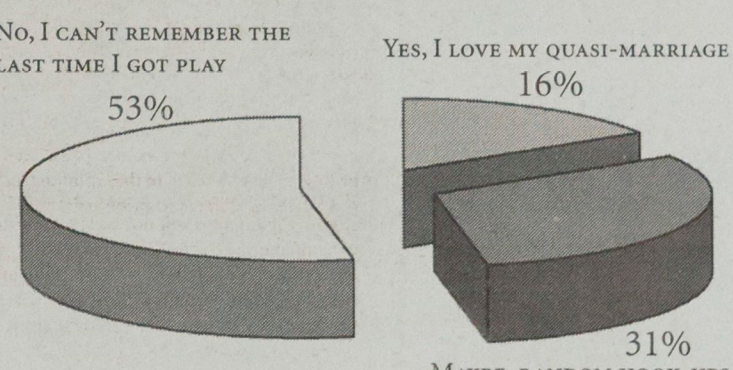
— ERIN DOHERTY '05.5



DATING?! YOUR PARENTS LET YOU DO THAT ALREADY?!

— TAYLOR LONG '07

DO YOU ENJOY THE DATING SCENE AT MIDDLEBURY?



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Next Week's Poll Question: Are you looking forward to the arrival of this year's Febs?

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BioBus expeditioners return to Midd

Biodiesel replaces vegetable oil as BioBus fuel source

By Naomi Harper
Staff Writer

It was a few days before the end of fall term. While most Middlebury College students were cramming for finals and preparing to travel their separate ways, a group of 12 friends had just arrived back from a semester-long bus trip across the country.

This was no ordinary road trip. The bus on which these students traveled was fueled entirely by biodiesel, an environmentally friendly alternative to regular diesel fuel. On the bus were students Charles Archer '05, Dan Dunning '05, Julia Proctor '06.5, Stephen Swank '05.5, Brian Reavey '05.5, Thomas Hand '05.5, May Boeve '06.5, Leland Bourdon '05.5, Kyle Von Hasslen '05.5, Liz Rolerson '03, Sam Stevenson '05.5, Jon Overman '06 and Lindsey Corbin '05.

The trip was made possible by a grant the students were awarded in the spring to travel to schools and universities and give educational presentations promoting the use of biodiesel as a substitute for fossil fuels. Over the course of three months, the BioBus team traversed the nation, hitting about 150 schools and venues and reaching an estimated 6,000 students with their message.

About two years ago, the same group of friends drove a bus to California to go rock climbing. They used veggie oil to power their bus, but found it difficult to use because they had to create the fuel themselves. Soon, they began to formulate an idea for a follow-up venture — this time with a much larger goal in mind. A year and a half later — after having put much time and effort into grant-writing, fundraising and research — the team began making the final preparations to embark on their journey. They spent the month of August preparing the bus and creating a PowerPoint presentation and video featuring interviews with biodiesel producers and specialists. Thanks to an $800 sponsorship from Whole Foods, the BioBus team also prepared for their trip by stocking up on sushi and other luxury food items. This time, the students's bus relied on commerically available biodiesel and focused much more on education, whereas the first trip focused more on rock climbing.

Courtesy
Riders of the BioBus gather outside their vehicle during a pit stop in the Big Apple's Times Squa.e.

Biodiesel, according to the students' Web site (projectbiobus.com), is a "safe, renewable, clean-burning, domestically produced fuel made from vegetable oils…that can be used in existing diesel engines without modification." The use of biodiesel as a substitute for diesel would result in dramatic reductions of many harmful pollutants that contribute to problems such as global warming, acid rain and various human health risks. It would also rid the air of 95 percent of cancer causing agents. Currently, biodiesel costs about $1 per gallon more than regular diesel. However, under the Job Creations Act of 2004, producers will get that $1 back from the government for every gallon of biodiesel they produce. Inspired by this recent development, the BioBus team set out on their educational mission. On the road, the Biobus team stopped to present their research to students throughout the country. They expounded on the harmful effects of fossil fuels, focusing on the economic strain caused by oil dependence as well as health risks resulting from harmful emissions. They also demonstrated how to make biodiesel.

Courtesy
High school students in Illinois pose with the BioBus after listening to a presentation and observing a demonstration of the creation of biodiesel.

Reactions to the biodiesel presentations were generally very positive. "One of my biggest concerns was whether we could measure results," said BioBus member Stephen Swank '05.5, "but it seems like people were interested and ready for change." Students were fascinated and inspired to see a group of their peers who had set off on a road trip not only as an adventure, but to promote a cause. In addition, many teachers and faculty members demonstrated a remarkable interest and devotion to alternative energy. At one school in Chapel Hill, N.C., a faculty member was so impressed with the presentation that she decided to donate a bus to the school for the children to conduct experiments with biodiesel. At the University of Georgia, one professor incited a movement for the school to use 20 percent biodiesel in all on-campus transportation.

Swank admits that the project had a rough start. The first presentation was to a group of 30 kids in a "garage" at Middlebury Union High School and it went "pretty poorly" due to problems with the PowerPoint presentation and general nervousness. The transition between that and their second scheduled presentation, to an assembly of 700 students at Deerfield Academy, was pretty intimidating. But with newfound confidence bestowed by the addition of slacks, polo shirts and belts — and a lot of practice in between — the second presentation was a huge success.

All in all, the members of Project BioBus agree that the trip was a highly rewarding and fun experience. "We were a group of friends at the start, and ended up a group of friends," said Dan Dunning '05. Last fall, Associate in Science Instruction in Environmental Studies Amy Siedl and five Middlebury Environmental Studies students including Charles Acher '05, Brian Reavey '05, Leland Bourdon '05, Nick Janson '05 and Thomas Hand '05 were awarded a People, Prosperity and the Planet (P3) grant from the Environmental Protection Agency. Entitled "Demonstrating the feasibility of a biofuel: Production and use of biodiesel from waste oil feedstock and bio-based methanol at Middlebury College," the grant will allow the researchers to explore the idea of replacing 20 percent of the College's diesel fuel with biodiesel. Charles Archer '05 says that he hopes "in a couple of years, 20 percent of vehicles at Middlebury will run on bio-diesel." For this dedicated group of individuals, the battle to make the switch to alternative energy has only just begun.

Dad's AMEX

Your Bank of Middlebury Card

Ready-to-wear designers are already hawking their spring collections, but Marc Jacobs' coveted espadrilles and Ferragamo's bow-adorned wicker handbags aren't even an option for Middlebury gals. Slushy sidewalks, frosty temperatures and piles of snow have left girls from Stewart to Atwater running for their Uggs, NorthFace zip-ups and Turtle Fur neckwarmers. Makes me shiver just thinking of the atrocity! Some fashionistas lucky enough to live in LaForce are still sporting flouncy skirts and ballet flats to Ross dining hall, but nearly everyone else is suffering from a fashion sense as frozen as a broomball court. Fear not! It is possible to keep warm and stay stylish. Here's your guide for two budgets.

— MEGAN O'KEEFE

Fur bomber hats are the hottest way to keep your ears toasty. Crow Cap of Canada muskrat fur hat. $250.00 at hartfordyork.com

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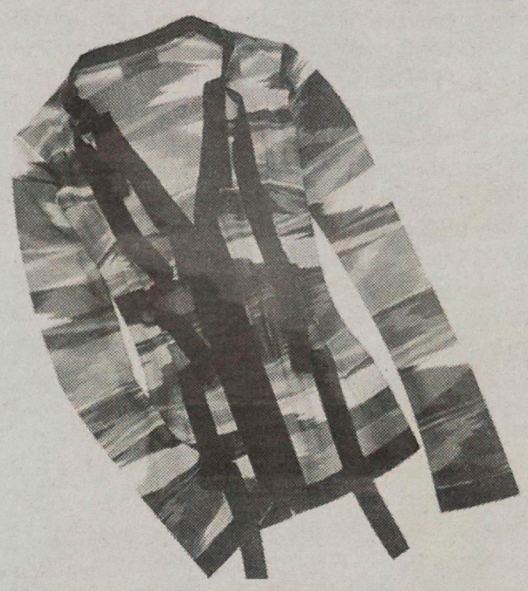
For a more demure look, fur ear muffs put a warm, feminine polish any winter ensemble. Fox fur ear muffs. $49.99 at furoutlet.com



Missoni's gorgeous patterns add a tropical burst to any outfit and because it's knitwear you know you'll stay warm! Missoni jersey print cardigan. $1,105.00 at net-a-porter.com

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Gap's Missoni-inspired scarf is the cutest way to block out the wind. It may be a knockoff, but it's an adoarble one! Gap crazy stripe scarf. $11.99 at gap.com

Please throw away the Uggs already! Hollywood girls and London ladies are already tucking their jeans into Mukluks... and just think how toasty they'll keep your feet. Suede and rabbit fur Mukluk. $395.00 at girlshop.com

3

I hate put in a good word for these fakes, but the white ones are actually decent-looking. And, it's always better than being caught in last year's boots...(cough...Uggs). Steve Madden suede Furry Phenomenon boot. $129.50 at stevemadden.com

Once you discover Bogner jackets you won't want to wear anything else. Stylish and *seriously* warm, this fur trimmed parka is the perfect balance for a Midd-kid who can't resist showing off her fashion sense in the dead of winter. Bogner orange satin coat with fox-trimmed hood. $998.00 at SEARLEnyc.com

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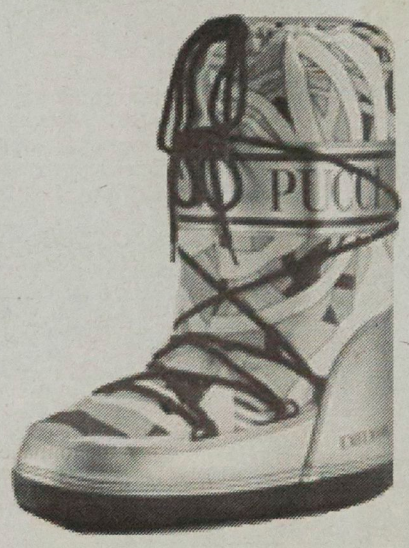
The fur trim may look great, but the down-fill feels even better on January mornings. This Burberry vest is the perfect way to dress up a sad fleece jacket. Burberry down vest with racoon color. $695.00 at neimanmarcus.com



With the flurries piling up, sometimes you just need a real snow boot for the trek across campus. Shockingly, even designers have noticed. Finally, fashionable girls can listen to mom when she implores, "Wear some practical shoes!" Pucci après-ski boot. $215.00 at neimanmarcus.com

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Tecnica invented them. Napolean Dynamite made them cool again. Even if you can't afford the designer version, the original moon boot is still friggin' awesome. Tecnica athletic moon boot. $149.00 at tecnicausa.com

BY MATT KUNZWEILER

I didn't lie on my résumé when I applied here, but now that I think about it, I probably should have. I'm finding out that many of my contemporaries took grotesque liberties when they wrote theirs, such as presenting mowing lawns as an internship with an urban improvement firm, suffering through a home-cooked dinner as community service with the elderly and doling out an atomic wedgie to a younger sibling as participation with the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program. Luckily, you sign the honor code after you get in.

But what about those honest achievers? Those prodigies who needed to use six-point font just to squeeze their laundry list of legitimate titles, awards, skills, jobs and services onto a one-page résumé? I've decided that they don't exist, or at least I haven't met them, and that's just the same to me. Their elusiveness is suspect — between rushing back and forth from cello practice, mentoring, volunteer firefighting, reforesting, saving endangered birds from oil spills and ghost writing the autobiography of some unsung hero or martyr, these young achievers must be spurred onwards by some hidden agenda, some covert plot aimed not at philanthropy but the sinister long-term goals of lavish success and political dominance.

And do we really want that type of person at a *liberal arts* college? The last thing we need is a bunch of wayward Ritalin fiends scurrying from practice to activity to colloquium to certification course just so they can expand already obnoxious résumés and swell their egos a tad more. Sadly enough, the admissions system still favors the super-achiever, that disturbing little posterchild. How could I have ever competed with that? Lucky for me, Middlebury realized they needed to admit at least a couple students from Canada who didn't play hockey — just to show that their interests in the country weren't strictly athletic. So they dug my application of the trash and sighed. And now I'm in here.

But I think I deserve to be here — loophole or not. So many qualified applicants have fantastic skills and experiences that would never be accepted as college résumé material. Just because a résumé is not brim full of achievements doesn't mean that the applicant has been sitting around wasting time, failing to improve her or himself as a human being. While those super-achievers were helping out at the natural history museum, I was listening to punk rock and taking turns punching my friends in the face. That taught me a lot. The human spirit was encapsulated in each jab and later sustained in each black eye and split lip. And I improved as a person because of it, but sadly, I can't boast about it on a résumé.

College résumés are about as constricting and awkward as personal ads. Middlebury and other colleges try to offer essay topics that will let your "personality" shine through, but we all know that the whole process caters to the super-achiever. The rest of us can always move to obscure places, excel at team sports, lie on our resumes or just ask a wealthy relative to donate generously. Work with what ya got.

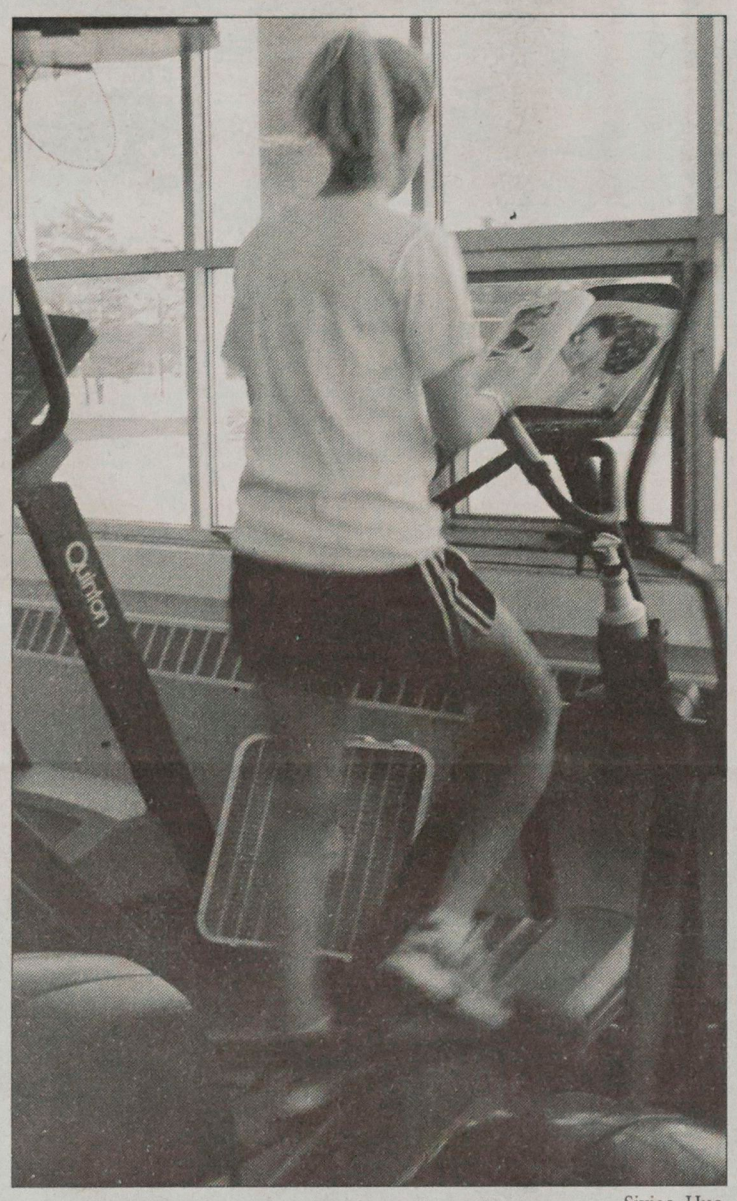
Novice gym goers must tread lightly

An in-depth look at the awkwardness that can ensue at the gym

By Isabel Yordan
Staff Writer

In our last article, Nura and I tackled the important issue of winter hook-ups. As you may recall, there was a mention of the winter-poundage as a powerful technique used to keep warm during the long Vermont winters. This may not appeal to many, and as such I thought to write a follow- up article. Now, my partner in crime is abroad at the moment, but I am going to try and impart some wisdom without her. On that note, here is my disclaimer (and those of you who know me will agree with this): I am almost clueless without Nura, so do not take what I say too seriously.

There is only one sure-fire way to fight the battle against the winter-poundage, if you choose to do so. Go to the gym. If you are a Middlebury student, it's likely you already do go, but I thought I would put together a guide for any beginners. The gym can be daunting and as a somewhat new user, I know the anxiety of trudging down to Kenyon. It's important before you go down to the gym to take a deep breath and think to yourself "I can do this." Abby Friedman '07 said "The key to working out at the gym is to act completely focused on whatever you happen to be doing, even if it's just walking to the water fountain."



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A Middlebury student peruses a fashion magazine while putting in some time on the elliptical machine. Note her white shirt.

I'm sure some of you reading this right now think that I am being a drama queen. It's just the gym, right? Wrong. The Middlebury gym, at any given time, is packed with people; it's quite a social scene.

The gym is nothing less than intimidating. Let's say you choose to run on the treadmill. First there is the embarrassment of actually finding one that works. Maybe it's just me, but I always feel really stupid during this part of the adventure. I undoubtedly step onto the treadmill that is off. I press the power button repeatedly, but no, it stubbornly stays off. Once you find a treadmill that actually lets you press the "start belt" button, the real trauma begins. I don't care who you are or how long you've been a cross country runner; there is always someone at the gym who is running faster than you and for longer. And every time you go to the gym you have to deal with that feeling of total inadequacy. Sophomore Sandy Sokoloski said "This school is so damn active, everyone always seems more athletic than you at the gym." There's the paralyzing feeling that everyone is watching you and thinking ,"well she only ran like two miles today at a measly pace of 6.5, what a wimp!" I'm still not over this paranoia, especially since that girl who is running faster and longer than you also hasn't broken a sweat. Bringing me to the real problem with the gym, our darling fitness center is hotter than a sauna and that one fan in the corner just doesn't quite cut it. So after you finish your little run and people are already judging you for you sub-par fitness level, you have to deal with the fact that you wore a grey t-shirt to the gym and now you are all sweaty. Here's a tip that took me a little too long to find for myself, wear white shirts to the gym. So you get off your treadmill, wipe your face on your shirt, catch your breath, look up, and see him. Oh yeah, it's him. Either the boy that you accidentally confessed your love to when you were drunk last Friday, the boy that you hooked-up with a couple weeks ago and haven't seen since (awkward) or the biggest crush of your life. Either way it's the boy that you envisioned seeing again when you looked so perfect, yet so causal. You figured you would see him when you had the armor of all your friends with you, laughing at your jokes so that he would know how funny and desirable you are. Well, life just doesn't go that way. You have to see him at the gym when you are a little drippy with sweat and all your makeup is gone. If you are really lucky, you will see all of them at the same time and be paralyzed under the weight of your own awkwardness. My only advice here is to just walk away. Just walk away.

PANTHER TOP 10

What music makes the Middlebury Charts? Here are the weekly top Napster downloads on campus.

1. **Green Day — Boulevard Of Broken Dreams**
2. **Snoop Dogg — Drop It Like It's Hot**
3. **Kelly Clarkson — Since U Been Gone**
4. **Ciara — One, Two Step**
5. **Lil Jon & the East Side Boyz — Lover and Friends feat. Usher & Ludacris**
6. **Modest Mouse — Float On**
7. **Destiny's Child — Soldier**
8. **Kelly Clarkson — Breakaway**
9. **Howie Day — Collide**
10. **Nelly — Over and Over**

WINNERS & LOSERS

What's hot and what's not on campus and in pop culture? *The Campus* gives its weekly report.

TIME GAINED	MEMORY LOST
Ah, J-Term... it's hard to tell where vacation ended and school began. Semester course load: Skiing 101, Sleeping 203 and Slamming 40s 406 — that would be an advanced seminar.	No, that was not me you saw at McCullough! Do you really think I would be caught dead rolling around on the floor in a jean jumper to Vanilla Ice? Oh, oops...
BOOING AT ORANGE BOWL	ASHLEE SIMPSON
Many more than three cheers to a bunch of no-nonsense football fans for finally putting their foot down on invariable politeness ... "Ashleee Simpson drew audible boos for her performance of 'La La.'" Thank God.	And I don't care how many people hate me for saying it ... because they're all anti-conformist conformist teeny boppers, too busy being happily tortured by high school drama and playing with their black make-up to worry about me.
TURKEY	BRATWURST
Really anything else would be fantastic. The turkey is particularly good especially after four straight days of the hot dog family.	The frequency of rotating variations of rolled pig parts is getting kind of old. Hate to be whiny and spoiled, but will the hotdogs, bratwurst, cheddarwurst and keilbasa ever run out?

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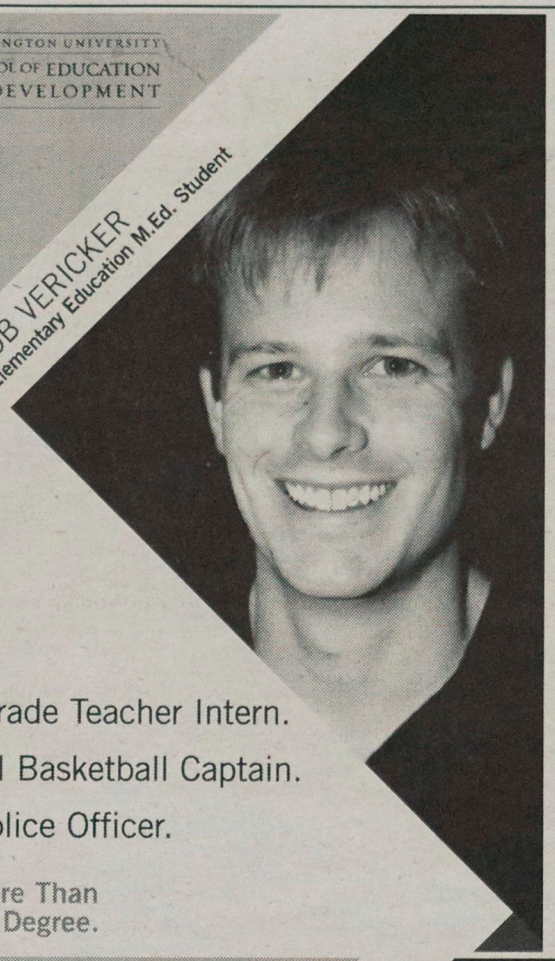

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Diverse groups set musical bar high

By Andrea Gissing
Editor-in-Chief

At times it seems as though every third student organization is some form of music ensemble, particularly of the a cappella persuasion. Towards the end of the semester, everywhere one turned there was a sidewalk chalking or a poster announcing another show being put on by one of Middlebury's a cappella groups, be it the Dissipated Eights (D-8), the Mischords, the Bobolinks, the Mamajamas, Stuck in the Middle (SIM) — whose December show featured Middlebury's newest group, the all-female Paradiddles — the Christian People Get Ready (PGR) or the Mountain Ayres who specialize in madrigals. Despite the seemingly disproportionate number of groups present for a small school, the shows all drew large crowds. What makes a cappella music fun for performers and audience members alike?

To start, every group has their own unique style. Mamajama Ryan Reese '06 said, "I would say we have more flare for the crazy side of things. We're pretty dramatic in our presentation style and have a lot of fun each other and choreography during concerts." Veteran Bobolink Alissa Villarreal '04.5 described Middlebury's first co-ed group as having a very choral approach to the background of their songs. "In the beginning, the Bobolinks lended themselves to the awesome genre of 80's classics, but today we choose songs based on popularity and musicality."

While for the past 10 years there have been two co-ed a cappella groups that sing more modern, popular songs, until spring of 2003 the D-8s had been the only all-male ensemble since their founding in 1952. Since the formation of SIM a cappella skeptics have questioned the "need" for two such similar groups, however SIM quickly emerged into the scene and has settled into a niche of its own. "There are certainly easier things than starting an a cappella group," said Jason Lockhart '05, SIM's business director, but it has been a fun process that I'm very proud to be a part of. We started the group because there were many guys on campus who could sing well and wanted to be in an all-male a cappella group. The stars aligned correctly and SIM happened. We've been going strong ever since."

"I'd say the only real commonalities between the two are they're both all-male, they're both musically talented and they both aim to give audiences a good time," said Kevin Velez '06 of the D-8. "But to me it's like comparing two different rock bands. Each has its own unique style, chemistry and sound. Do people ever ask if there's enough room in the world for Maroon 5 and the Darkness? Of course not, because they're entirely different."

Similarly, with the start of the Paradiddles, there is greater opportunity for women to sing. "Because a cappella is so dependent on good blend, the Mischords often can't take as many people as we'd like because we can't lose our balance of sound," said Ellen Whelan-Wuest '05.5, musical director of the Mischords. "So if there is a new group on campus where more girls get to sing, than I think that's great."

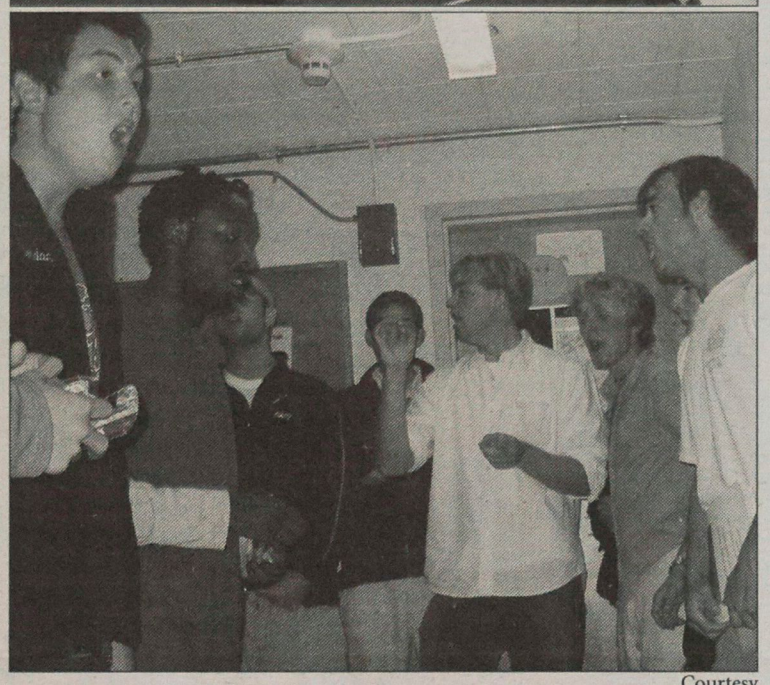
"Honestly, I sing because it's fun," she continued. "When that turns into competition or some kind of lifestyle, it kind of weirds me out."

"There's a myriad of specialty groups," said Molly Bowman '07. "Because they are well established, D-8 and Mischords tend to perform together and support each other. SIM has been instrumental and inspirational in our formation. Therefore, within the a cappella community on campus, it seems that we are anything but extraneous. But now it is up to us to prove it. We hope to establish ourselves soon as a novel and enthusiastic stripe of Midd's varied a cappella zebra."

A cappella singing offers performers a very different outlet from the more traditional concert hall sound. The Paradiddle's Lynn Gray '07.5 said, "I feel much less confined to conventional singing techniques I practiced while in various choruses and choirs — one minute I'm picking out a melodic tune on "doo" and the next minute I can be imitating an electric guitar on a "zsh."

"[A cappella] is portable, organic music that can be as serious or ridiculous as your voice," said Tony Belanger '05 of SIM.

Singers all agree, one of the best parts of being in an a cappella group is the friends that one makes among group members. "As far as my experience with the D-8 is concerned," said group Music Director Nathaniel Langer '05, "the best part about singing in the group is without a doubt the other guys. I have met many of my best friends through the group and after four years I still look forward to going to rehearsal and spending time with the other guys."



Courtesy

TOP: The Mischords take time to meet locals while on tour.
BOTTOM: SIM — who along with the D-8 and the Mamajamas, will be releasing a CD this spring — sings out in Battell. This will be the debut album for the group.

ARTISTIC ENDEAVORS

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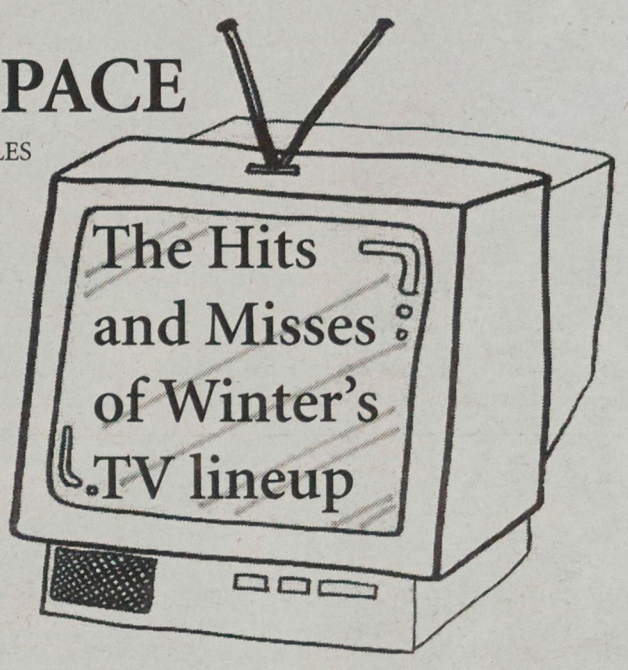
— BY SHEILA SELES



Publicly, Middlebury may be known for its rigorous academics and first-rate winter sports, but those of us who live on campus know Middlebury's true character — it's a horrible place for TV. Some luddite rule forbids us from getting cable in our rooms unless we live in senior housing. And if any of you have tried the old rabbit ears you know that TV reception is an impossibility unless you consider reception to be static that occasionally resembles ABC out of Middle-of-Nowhere, New York.

This makes me angry. I don't believe TV makes you stupider. In fact, I'm writing a thesis on TV, so I would argue TV has actually made me smarter. But I'm a senior and I have a television with digital cable in my suite, so it would be a waste of my time to wage a campaign to bring television to the huddled masses of Middlebury. Those of you who love TV will continue to thrive as you always have — setting up VCRs and leaving notes on public televisions reserving them for your favorite shows. TV is a precious commodity — especially on this campus. It's unbelievably difficult to be a loyal devotee of a TV show while living the dorm life at Midd. You need a little guidance. You need to watch this space.

So, what's going on in TV land? It's officially J-term. To me that means one thing — and it's not skiing or drinking heavily, though those are two admirable ways to spend January. It's time for mid-season replacements — that time when television networks roll out a bunch of marginal shows to take the place of all the marginal shows that were recently canceled.

Patricia Arquette stars in *Medium* and Josh Cooke stars in *Committed*. Both shows premiere on NBC in January.

Overall, this crop of shows looks expectedly dismal. NBC has been heavily promoting both *Committed* (Tuesdays at 9:30 p.m.), a sitcom about a guy trying not to go crazy, and *Medium* (Mondays at 10p.m.), a show about a woman with a sixth sense. By all accounts, *Committed* has critics all over the country reaching for the Valium. *Medium* seems slightly more promising, if only because it co-stars talented Middlebury alum Jake Weber.

More exciting than the typical mid-season duds are cable and reality shows with unorthodox seasons that start in January. The USA Network's critical darling *Monk* returns on Jan. 21 at 10p.m. Tony Shalhoub's virtuoso performance as an OCD detective makes the show's predictable story lines some of the funniest on TV. For all you *Apprentice* addicts a new season of The Donald's genius reality show starts on Jan. 20 (NBC 8:30 p.m.). This promises to be the most interesting (or at least gimmicky) season of *The Apprentice* yet as The Donald pits "Book Smarts" against "Street Smarts." I'll be watching to see if someone other than a cookie-cutter white guy wins a place as Trump's newest errand boy (or girl).

So while the rest of the country uses TiVo as a verb and takes its TV for granted, you can curl up in front of the TV this January (unless that guy from downstairs is watching football) knowing that we Midd kids work hard, play hard, and deserve to watch TV, goddamn it.

BLOWIN' INDIE WIND

BY RICHARD LAWLESS, ARTS EDITOR

THE ARTIST | THE FUTUREHEADS
THE ALBUM | THE FUTUREHEADS
RELEASE DATE | SEPT 7, 2004

People like their music to be uncomplicated, straightforward and fun. Cue the Futureheads. They didn't make my "Best of" list, but I only had six slots, so that was a problem in and of itself. Certainly the Futureheads didn't impress me with their artistic endeavors, but they're f**king fun as hell. Their debut self-titled album came on the Franz Ferdinand wave of catchy Anglo garage rock to generally receptive ears this past year. Yet I wouldn't toss them off as just another garage rock act. Where the Strokes are boring and can barely play instruments, the Futureheads actually have some talent behind their music. When you break down the Futurehead musical formula, it's actually pretty weird. There's a notable reggae influence in the vocals, which, depending upon your cynicism level, means they listened to a lot of reggae, or a lot of the Clash. There's also a massive a capella influence in the vocals, with deceptively complex voice arrangements scattered throughout the songs (heard most prominently on the doo-wop rave-up "Danger of the Water"). Though any musician will agree that vocals are an instrument, the Futureheads actually treat them as one, singing with such annunciation and premeditated emphasis to give them a percussive, nervy presence that wonderfully reflects the claustrophobic, tight, rhythmic guitar work that hearkens back to twitch rockers Devo and The Feelies. Everything about this band is just bouncy. It's like every note in their songs is staccato, which makes for an infectious and invigorating listen. Couple this with the fact that each song hurtles along at breakneck speed, and you've got one jittery album.

One of the album's strongest tracks, "A to B," begins with the crooning of the song's title over pounding drums and blaring guitars. Repetitive, yes, but for only about three seconds, as the Futureheads continuously change up the rhythm, dynamics, guitar licks, and vocal arrangements. This is the perfect album for people with ADD. Or ADHD. I'm pretty sure the band has the latter, as they can't hold still for a second. Seriously, I think each band member drank like 18 cups of coffee before entering the studio. Take the bouncy "Decent Days and Nights," as they rhythmically chant "If you work it out / Tell me what you find / We can work it out / Tell me what you find" over guitars perfectly synched to the beat. And then the song's over before you know it. "Meantime" is one of their catchiest songs, as a jittery, muted guitar lick complements the childish, simplistic lyrics, "It's easy to try / It's easy anytime / We can talk / If you like / Let's forget it / For the meantime" before transitioning into an impressively complex system of vocals chanting various lines, impeccably timed, and — you guessed it — bouncy as hell.

The Futureheads naturally have an inclination for British influences, dabbling in everyone from Duran Duran to the Clash, but the Kate Bush cover of "Hounds of Love" — the album's penultimate track — is still an odd choice. Yet it works, because the Futureheads give the song their trademark nervy treatment, with bouncy backup vocals galore. In fact, you'd never guess that they didn't write the song, as it blends in so seamlessly with the rest. The album ends with the pounding, thrashing "Man Ray," which features a screaming vocal chant that spirals out of control as the drums and guitars relentlessly bash out noise. At fifteen songs clocking in under 40 minutes, you're left wanting more. A lot more. But have no fear. I'm sure they're drinking coffee as I'm writing this, and walking around like weird jittery robots, writing more songs.

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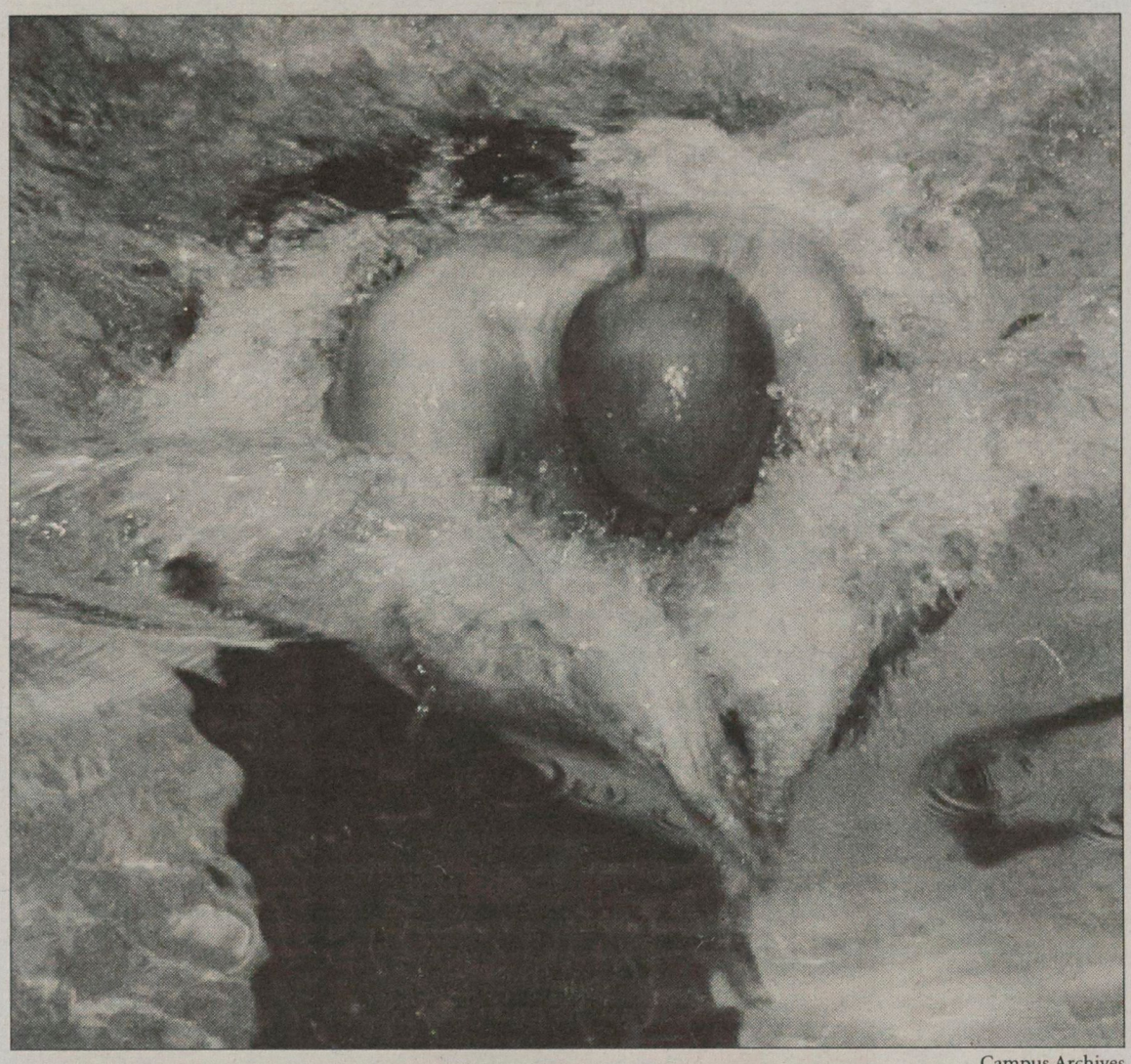
Men's pool rats rack up two conference wins

Swimmers and divers win convincingly against strong NESCAC rivals



Campus Archives

A Middlebury men's swimmer competes in the breaststroke at a meet at the Natatorium. Both the men's and women's teams hosted competitions against Colby and Bates this weekend, with both squads sweeping their respective meets and boosting their season records to 3-1.

By Zamir Ahmed
Sports Editor

The Middlebury men's swimming and diving team posted two impressive victories this weekend, boosting their record to 3-1. The Panthers beat Colby on Saturday 155-127 and Bates on Sunday 168-102, hosting both meets at the Middlebury College Natatorium. It was the team's third straight victory since losing to Springfield in the first meet of the season.

Men's Swimming & Diving

Saturday, January 8

Middlebury	155
Colby	127

Sunday, January 9

Middlebury	168
Bates	102

On Saturday the team opened up the meet with a win in the 400m medley relay and never looked back. The Panthers were led by Rob Collier '07 and Peter Bell '08, who each won two races against Colby.

Collier showed his versatility in the pool on Saturday, winning the 400m individual medley in a time of 4:21.46 and the 200m individual medley in 2:04.67. Bell won the 50m breaststroke in a time of 28.63 seconds and the 100m breaststroke with a time of 1:02.50.

Other noteworthy performances from Saturday included a win by Michael Young '07 in 3m diving and David Hawkins '05 taking the 50m butterfly with a time of 23.94. Senior Adam Rahal also added a win for the team in the 100m freestyle with a time of 55.86. The 4x400m medley relay team of Jason Korsmeyer '05, Tim Lux '07, Hawkins and Robbie Burton '08 also clinched a victory for the Panthers.

On Sunday the Panthers were again led by Collier, Bell, and junior Rob Hillas, who all won two events each. Collier added to his wins on Saturday by taking the 200m butterfly in a time of 2:00.73 and the 200m backstroke in 2:04.23.

Bell again won the 100m breaststroke with a time of 1:02.54 and won the 200m breaststroke in 2:17.99. Hillas showed his stamina against Bates, winning the 500m freestyle in 5:00.27 and 1000m freestyle in 10:19.78.

Hawkins also added a second victory of the weekend against Bates, winning the 100 freestyle in 49.47. Burton, Evan Williams '08 and John Rayburn '07 also won individual events against Bates. The 200m medley relay team of Korsmeyer, Lux, Hawkins and Burton alos contributed a win.

The Panthers next meet will be this Saturday at Hamilton College, where they will hope to continue their recent success. The team will be looking to prepare themselves for the NESCAC championship held February 25-27.

Women divers & swimmers sink Colby and Bates

By Sarah Poling Luehrman
Staff Writer

This weekend, the Middlebury College women swimmers and divers kicked off the New Year with two victories over NESCAC competitors Colby and Bates. The Panthers defeated Colby 155-115 on Saturday, and Bates 162-130 Sunday in the Middlebury Natatorium.

The Middlebury women boasted not only of these two NESCAC wins but also of multiple pool records that Marika Ross '08 achieved over the course of the weekend. Ross's time of 4:37.94 in the 400m individual medley and her time of 58.05 in the 100m fly broke two pool records, both set in 1997.

More astounding still was Ross's performance Sunday, wherein she broke a school record and a pool record set in 2001 and made the NCAA "A" cut with her time of 2:06.26 in the 200m fly event.

Other notable individual accomplishments came from McKenna Moreau '06, who won the 100m back against both Colby and Bates and the 200m back against Bates; Barbara Van der Veer '07, topping both Colby and Bates in the 50m free and Bates in the 100m free; and Sara Cowie '08, who won the 500m free in both meets and improved upon her Saturday time by .58 seconds when she swam Sunday.

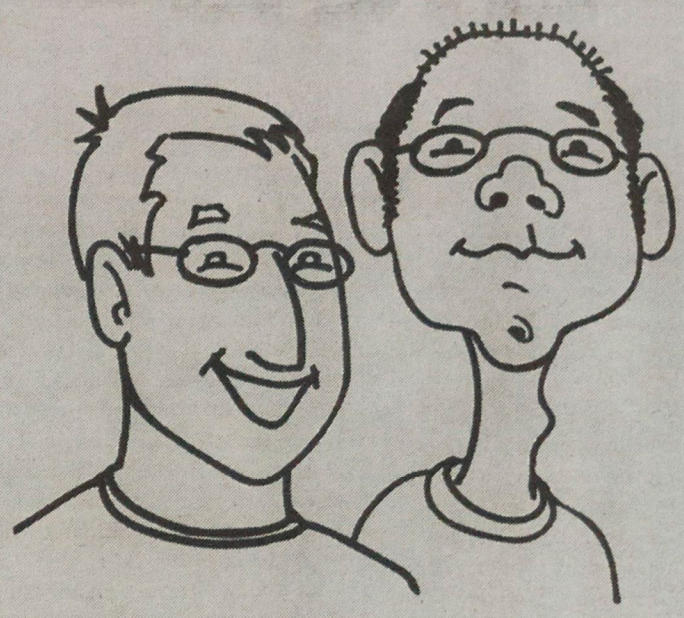
The team as a whole is "right where they need to be at the moment," said Head Coach Peter Solomon. They recently returned from a seven-day intensive training trip to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. over the Winter Break, and Coach Solomon expressed satisfaction with the performance this weekend in the Natatorium given the rough training from which the team has just emerged.

Many swimmers have been ill or injured recently, but the way in which they have pulled back together and responded to all their training "is a good token of things to come" later in the season, Solomon hopes.

As the second half of the season begins, the swimmers will begin to focus on their speed, to train for their specific events and to drop their times from the first half. As the MIT Invitational approaches and with it the NESCAC finals, the season will wind down and the team will begin to rest and taper to prepare themselves.

In the meantime, they have still to face Hamilton (January 15th) and Williams (January 29th), among other teams, in dual meets. Hamilton is a team that can certainly challenge Middlebury in a dual meet, and the Panthers can look forward to an exciting weekend coming up.

Neil & Otto's pizza



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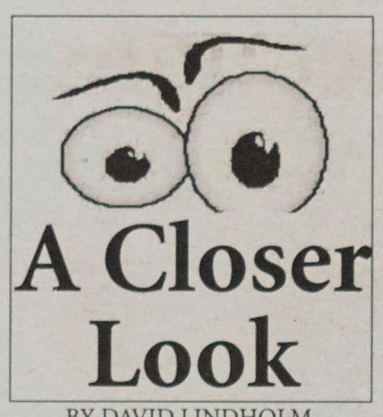


BY DAVID LINDHOLM

Maybe some of you are worried about your athletic exploits here at Middlebury. Well, I'm sure you've heard about my triumphs (I'm kind of a big deal), so you might be wondering why I don't play on every single varsity sport. The truth is: I'm not a star at everything. No really! I'm serious! Anyway, here's what you may not have heard.

In sixth grade I joined a basketball team, and we were pretty good. I mean, we won a trophy at the end of the year, and it wasn't just because they divided the league into an "A" bracket and a "B" bracket for the playoffs. (We won twice as many games in the "B" division playoffs as in the regular season.) But as awesome as our team was, I knew basketball wasn't for me when I went 0-for-13 from the free-throw line in one of our late-season games. We lost. And my whole family was in the crowd.

Lacrosse was another option for me, but in my first and last season, I played attack for most of every game without scoring a single goal. My teammates were convinced I was trying to miss. That, coupled with the fact that I was routinely getting clobbered by body checks from opponents who actually knew what they were doing, left me no choice but to give it up.

Another sport I could have been great at if I'd been given half a chance was baseball. According to a member of our team here, Liam Quinn '05, I once threw a baseball almost 100 mph! Unfortunately, that ball went directly into my own dugout, killing two and injuring seven more (again, that's in Liam's account and he might be exaggerating on the casualties). I thnk it's fair to say it wasn't my shining moment.

Shall I continue? The most memorable moment of this fall's soccer season (ask anyone on the team) came in our NESCAC playoff game against Tufts, when I dove to my left to make a save, only to crash, with my entire body, into the post. Most everyone that saw it thought I had died. Oh, and the ball went in, too.

As for hockey, my career was over as soon as it began, when, as a five-year-old, I thought the point of the sport was to skate as hard as possible into the boards and then fall over. You can still see me doing that most nights down at Kenyon during intramurals.

However, my pairing did tie for third place in last year's "Turkey Tourney," an intramural badminton tournament. So take heart, Middlebury students: eventually you'll find the sport at which you are destined to be great. Mine happens to be badminton. Okay, good talk. I'll see you on the court.

Women's basketball splits a brace

Upcoming homestand will provide test for Panther women

By Heather Wright
Staff Writer

The Middlebury Women's basketball team begins the year 1-1, which brings their record to 6-5. After struggling in their first game back from winter break against Colby-Sawyer, they came out strong and ready to beat Clarkson 65-56.

The Panthers fell to Colby-Sawyer 66-51 on January 6 after going into the second half with a 35-33 deficit. Colby-Sawyer came out strong in the second half and went on a 13-4 run in the first eight minutes. The Panthers were never able to close the gap again. In the second half, Colby-Sawyer outscored the Panthers 31-18.

Middlebury came out determined on Saturday, Jan. 8 against Clarkson. They were ready to avenge the loss in their previous game. The Panthers opened the second half with a 16-3 run and maintained the lead for the remainder of the game. Elyse Carlson '05 led Middlebury with 17 points and Katie Fehsenfeld '06 had 14. Micaela McVary '06 helped with 10 points and 11 rebounds, while Maryanne Verzosa '06 had nine assists.

In these first two games back many of the first-years have stepped up and taken advantage of their playing time. Kate Fisher '08, Erin Lackey '08 and Alanna Young '08 all came out ready to play against Clarkson. This improved play by the first-year class shows their growing confidence and will continue to add greatly to the success of the Middlebury team in future games.

"In addition to the freshmen we had a lot of other people step up from the bench in the game against Clarkson," said McVary. "Erica Goodman '06 had some crucial points and steals, and Carlie Harrington '07 gave us some minutes in order to help give our guards some needed time to rest. In our last two games our bench has gotten some experience, and that will undoubtedly help us during our upcoming grueling conference schedule."

It is hard for any team to come back and get going after the long winter break, but the last two games against Colby-Sawyer and Clarkson have helped put the Middlebury Panthers on—track for a successful second half of the season.

The Panthers have two upcoming home games this weekend. They face Connecticut College at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 14 and Wesleyan on Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Friday, January 7

Middlebury	51
Colby-Sawyer	66

Saturday, January 8

Middlebury	65
Clarkson	56

Midd ski teams remain productive

Alpine and Nordic squads continue to raise expectations

By Kellan Florio
Staff Writer

With the 2005 carnival season fastly approaching, the Middlebury men's and women's alpine ski teams competed in several national FIS races over this past weekend to prepare for the start of their season.

The women's side battled the steep and icy slopes of Smugglers Notch for a pair of slaloms on the eighth and ninth before heading to Sugarbush on the 10th for a giant slalom. The men's circuit was stationed in Maine for the long weekend with a slalom at Sunday River on Sunday, followed by two giant slaloms at Sugarloaf.

Leading the Panther women at Smugglers Notch was highly touted first-year Megan Hughes '08, placing second in the first slalom. UVM's Jamie Kingsbury topped the podium, blowing away the field with a combined time of 1:28.90, nearly two seconds ahead of Hughes. Lindsay Brush '07 skied to a fourth place finish with a time of 1:31.44, and Jess Smith '04.5 rounded out the top 10, 1.5 seconds behind Brush. Tara Martin '07 turned in a solid effort with a 15th place finish, followed by Anna Furney '08 in 28th and Kelly Brush '08 in 44th.

Sunday yielded similar results for the women's team with Hughes notching another second place finish with a combined time of 1:37.49, a half-second behind Dartmouth's Courtney Calise.

"Both days I knew I had to punch it second run after making a few mistakes in the first runs," commented Hughes, "I wanted to ski aggressively and go for the win and knowing that I took second with some mistakes I'm excited to step it up in the carnival season."

Smith's time of 1:40.44 put her in a respectable 13th position, while Martin, Krissie Poehling '08, Kelly Brush and Amy Witherspoon '07 all finished in the top 50, coming in 18th, 19th, 40th and 47th respectably.

With a slimmer squad competing in Monday's Giant Slalom at Sugarbush, the women still produced quality results, placing four racers in the top 35. Martin led the Panthers with a 20th place finish, followed by Kelly Brush in 23rd Furney in 28th and Molly Russell '05 in 32th.

On Sunday, senior co-captain John Rusten '05 led the men's squad to a successful day at Sunday River, placing fifth in the slalom with a combined time of 1:46.52. Rusten clung to a 0.12 second lead after the first run over Green Mountain Valley School's Cody Marshall, but could not hold on as Marshall eclipsed the slim margin in the second run to take the victory in 1:45.75. Dave Coriell '06 finished in an impressive eighth place with a time of 1:48.13, while rookie Alex Tarberry '08 claimed the 13th spot in 1:49.74.

Albert Bitici

A Midd skier competes on the slopes during a meet. The alpine and nordic teams were in action this weekend.

It was great to challenge ourselves this early in the season. Training and racing at altitude will definitely give us an edge.

— Jake Whitcomb '06

Joey Swensson '08, Andrew Everett '07 and Scott Coriell '07 were the other Middlebury finishers, placing 23rd, 26th and 35th, respectably.

Monday proved more challenging for the men, as Coriell's eighth place finish at the Sugarloaf Giant Slalom was the only Middlebury finish in the top 20. Following Coriell was Derek Shields '05, who carved his way to 21st place, less than five seconds off the pace set by repeat winner Cody Marshall. Tarberry continued his strong bid for a carnival spot with a 23rd place finish, followed by Everett in 30th and Jed Yeiser '08 in 35th.

After an encouraging weekend competing against much of the same field they will face on the carnival circuit, the alpine team looks poised to defend their Eastern title. Next up is the Bates Carnival at Sunday River on January 21 and 22.

Over the holiday break the men's and women's nordic ski team headed west to Soldier Hollow, Utah to train and compete at U.S. Nationals. The venue for the 2002 Olympic cross-country events, Soldier Hollow lived up to its reputation of being one of the toughest courses in the country. Despite facing the nation's most elite field, a challenging course and high altitude, the Panther skiers held their own.

Garrott Kuzzy '06 led the men with an 18th place in the 30km freestyle event in a field of over 100 racers, before capturing 27th in the 10km classic. Former Middlebury skier Andrew Johnson claimed the gold in the 30km freestyle, the first U.S. title of his career.

Rookie Matt Johnson '08 posted a 10th place among junior skiers in the 1.3km classic sprint race, while Dan Skold '07, Beau Baldock '07, Jake Whitcomb '06 and Tom Wisdom '05 also turned in solid finishes throughout the week.

Claire Anderson '06, Evelyn Dong '07 and Taylor Leach '06 represented the Panther women at Soldier Hollow. Anderson and Dong faired best in the 15km freestyle, placing 26th and 30th respectively among 100 racers. Dong also claimed the 15th fastest qualifying time for juniors out of 57 finishers in the 1.3km sprint.

Encouraged by the trip, junior co-captain Jake Whitcomb commented, "It was great to challenge ourselves this early in the season. Training and racing at altitude will definitely give us an edge, and competing against the best skiers in the country will only make us more hungry to live up to the standards we set last season."

Defending the 2004 Eastern title begins on Jan. 14 and 15 with the nordic portion of the St. Michael's carnival.

Women's hockey skates to three wins in Wisconsin

Team remains undefeated over the weekend

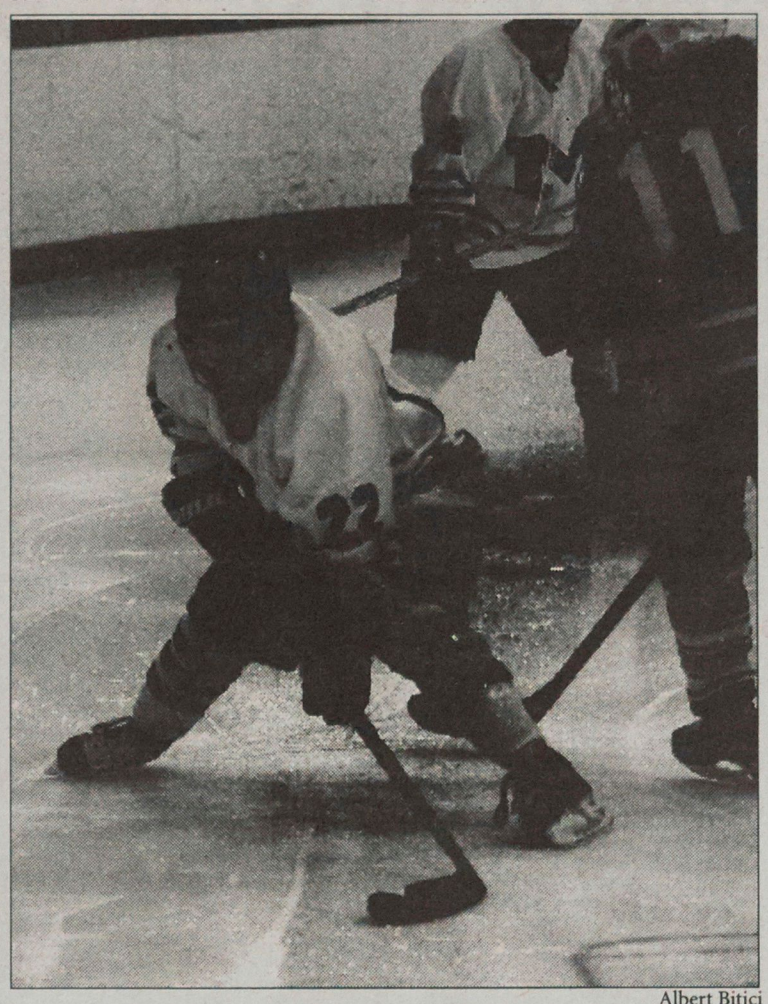
By Ryan W. Reese
Sports Editor

During a lengthy trip to the barrens of Wisconsin this past weekend, the Middlebury women's hockey team didn't mess around. They did however manage to pick up three W's against top-notch opponents. A 4-3 overtime thriller against Gustavus Adolphus, a dominating 4-0 romp over UWRF and a 2-0 grind over St. Thomas kept the Lady Panthers undefeated season rolling.

In the weekend's first contest the Panthers found themselves up 3-1 after goals from Tory MacNeil '08, Ellen Sargent '07, and the always dangerous Emily Quizon '06. Somehow the seventh ranked Gusties pounded their way back into the contest and knotted the score at three at the 12:41 mark. The Panthers got right down to business in the fourth frame and flexed their hockey muscle on a Emily McNamara '07 goal that found the nylon only 26 seconds into the extra frame.

The next day provided more Middlebury success and showcased the team's ability to dominate. With a goal and an assist apiece, McNamara and Karen Levin '08 led the panther strike force while freshmen Lacey Farrell and Kerry Kiley each tacked on a goal of their own. First year netminder Angie Todd stood her ground and stopped 21 River Falls attempts.

Farrell and Lindsay Jones '05 kept the good times rolling on Sunday with second period goals against St. Thomas. That would be all the offense Middlebury would need to wrap up another dominating weekend. Kate Kogut '06 was her usual self between the pipes while picking up her second win of the weekend and her fourth shutout of the season.



Albert Bitici

First-year Margaret MacDonald controls the puck along the boards. The women's team compiled a 3-0 mark in Wisconsin over the weekend.

The Panthers have outscored their opponents 48-9 during the current campaign. After racking up these three victories, the defending national champions seem to be in good shape while heading into the heart of their season. With opponents from Hamilton looming on the horizon, the Panthers look tough and game ready for any team in the country.

Through a solid attacking corps, a defense that is so good that its scary, and solid keeping in goal, there is no doubt Middlebury will continue to provide winning results.

Indoor track performs well at Dartmouth Relays

Malek '06 stars in 400m intercollegiate debut

By Zamir Ahmed
Sports Editor

The Middlebury men's and women's indoor track teams traveled to Dartmouth College last weekend to compete at the 36th Annual Dartmouth Relays. The meet marked the start of the Panthers' season and gave the team the chance to compete against top colleges of all sizes from New England and Canada.

The men's team finished the competition in 24th place, their same finish as last year. The women's team finished the meet tied for 21th place. The Dartmouth women's team won the competition for the second straight year while UMass-Lowell men's squad set a meet-record for points scored and took the men's title.

The Panthers did not enter a full team at the competition, choosing instead to focus on using the meet to prepare for the spring outdoor track season. Despite the stiff competition the Panthers faced, there were many notable performances by athletes on the men's and women's squads.

On the men's side Kevin Bright '06, an All-American from last year, had an exceptional meet and set himself up for a great track season. Bright finished fifth in the long jump with a jump of just over 20 ft, and finished seventh in the 400m with a time of 51.35 seconds. Matt Malek '06 was another strong performer in the 400m, stopping the clock at 53.79 in the first race of his Middlebury track career.

Alex Wellman '07 scored two points for the men's team at the meet, finishing fifth in the 60m hurdles with a time 8.73 seconds. Erich Kahner '05, returning from spending the semester aboard, came back and ran a strong mile for the Panthers with a time of 4:38.79.

The men's relay teams also shined for the Panthers. The 4x200m relay team of Bright, Wellman, Liam Aiello '05, and Neiman Groce '07 finished in seventh place, while the 4x400m relay team just fell short of scoring, finishing in eighth.

The women's team also had many solid performances. Alli Williams '05 had her best start to a season ever with a time of 2:26.66 in the 800m. Alice Flanders '07 also had an impressive meet, finishing 10th in the 400m dash with a time of 63.06 seconds.

The women's 4x200m relay team was also a shining spot for the Panthers, earned two points with a fifth-place finish. The young team of Lizz Huntley '08, Erin Oliver '07, Jessie Evangelista '08, and Jackie Russell '08 completed the race in a time of 1:52.81. "It was a good performance by the team," said Middlebury coach Martin Beatty. "It's a promising start for the rest of the year."

Since the indoor track season does not have a team championship the main goal of the team is to qualify as many athletes as possible for the New England Championships held in February. Many athletes are using the indoor season to prepare themselves for the outdoor track season.

The Panthers will next travel to Wesleyan College this weekend to compete at the Wesleyan Invitational. There they will compete against a smaller field and against colleges closer to their size.

SPORTSBRIEFS

BY RYAN W. REESE, SPORTS EDITOR

Lack of snow halts activities

Albert Bitici

The lack of sub freezing temperatures and significant snowfall has left the winter sports options in a undeniably depleted state. At the Middlebury College Snow Bowl, the entire backside remains closed while Mt. Worth's trail are reserved to experts on Allen Run. Ross Run has been opened a few days on and off while Sheehan Lift has been providing constant service to Lang, Cameron and Kelton Runs. The base depth is currently at 10-30 inches with new snow sitting at 6-8 inches. Also in this mild winter struggle, Rikert Ski Touring Center has been open with decent yet minimal snow.

Broomball has been postponed indefinitely because of lack of snow. Without abundant snowfall, the makeshift rinks cannot be formed. Hopefully, the mild weather will turn for the worse in hopes of improving Middlebury's numerous winter activities. In the upcoming week, scattered snow showers are predicted; however, temperatures could climb as high as 50 degrees this Thursday.

Dodgeball craze slams Midd

The intramural has been infiltrated by everybody's favorite elementary physical education sport. It comes in many forms and variations; however, Middlebury will stick to the classic version. Under the watch of Commissioner Andrew Pavoni '06, the Middlebury dodgeball has become an instant hit. With men's and coed leagues available, students have responded in forming numerous squads. With games kicking off last week, there is no doubt that many welts are sure to follow. Besides the squads loaded with cannons from the baseball and football players, early favorites could be "The Rainbows," "Uncle Jamal" and "Pipsqueak and the Honor Students." There is no doubt that every team will bring the heat and play to win. May the games begin.

Midd cheerleaders bring it on

Julia Randall

The Middlebury College Co-ed Cheerleading Squad is continuing its practice schedule while looking towards its upcoming meets this winter and spring. The program has been growing over the past few years and has been recognized regionally and nationally for its outstanding abilities and routines. The squad can often be heard practicing in Nelson. There is no doubt that the team puts in many hard hours. Strength and physical conditioning alongside gymnastic exploits require more than 12 hours a week from squad members. Performing in conjunction with the squad, the Middlebury Panther Mascot is a group of 2-3 students who are trained specifically to fill the big shoes of the beloved Panther. Coach Pam Moser of Ticonderoga, N.Y. keeps the squad in top from and is completely dedicated while traveling at least twice a week to team practices. The team looks forward to the competition season and is preparing for outstanding results.

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campus sports

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2005

Men's hockey dominates NESCAC minnows

Team survives scare against Conn. College before trouncing Tufts Jumbos

By Jason Lockhart
Staff Writer

The men's hockey team had much to prove coming into the New Year. They handled everything that was thrown at them in 2004 finishing off the year with a nearly unblemished record of 6-0-1. They continued their undefeated season starting off the year with a perfect NCAA record of 3-0 while tying the U.S. under-18 National Team.

While most students were at home celebrating the New Year with friends and family, the men's hockey team was at Middlebury participating in the Holiday Classic on January first and second. There they faced off against New York State rival Skidmore defeating them by the score of 3-1 and then tying U.S. National Team 2-2.

The Panthers continued their nation-leading stingy defense on the first evening of 2005 by holding Skidmore to a mere 16 shots on net for the entirety of the game. In addition they tacked on two power play goals to seal the deal maintaining their position in the national top 10 in power percentage.

Brian Phinney's '05 two goals and Patrick Nugent's '05 lone goal were all the Panthers needed to skate past Skidmore.

Phinney scored his first goal of the season 8:27 into the first period, unassisted, to give Middlebury the lead for good. He followed up his first goal of the season with his second goal with 7:56 left in the second period on the power play to give the Panthers a 3-1 lead. Nugent scored his third goal of the season 8:11 into the second period on the power play.

Mark Spadaccini '06 made 15 saves to earn his first win as a Panther in his first career start. The Panthers faced a tougher opponent the following afternoon, the U-18 National Team, which nearly defeated Division I-University of New Hampshire. In the game, Middlebury fell behind early by the score of 2-0. The Panthers, however, showed their resilience by scoring two goals in the final two periods to even the score at two. Tim Graham '05 chipped in his fourth goal of the season with an assist going to Rob MacIntyre '08. Freshman Scott Bartlett scored the game-tying goal at 8:56 of the third period. Yen-I Chen '06 made 28 saves in the tying effort.

The Panthers followed up their New Year's weekend with a couple of wins against NESCAC rivals Connecticut College and Tufts. Middlebury struggled to find the back of the net against a presumably weak Connecticut College opponent, but managed to score just enough goals in order to earn the victory, but not without giving up the lead in the middle of the third period.

Nugent, once again helped the Panthers offense scoring with only 16 seconds left in the first period on the power play to give Middlebury a 1-0 lead. It looked as though Nugent's goal would be enough to earn the win for the Panthers, but Connecticut College tied the score with just under 10 minutes remaining in the third period. Only seconds later, freshman Jed McDonald scored his first goal of his career to give the Panthers the lead.

Chen stonewalled Connecticut College for the rest of the game to earn his seventh victory of the season. The Panthers were able to limit the Camels to only 13 shots.

Albert Bitici

Limiting Tufts to just seven shots on Saturday night, sophomore Brett Shirreffs forms a part of the stalwart Middlebury rear-guard. The # 1 ranked Panthers notched two more wins, taking their season record to 9-0-1.

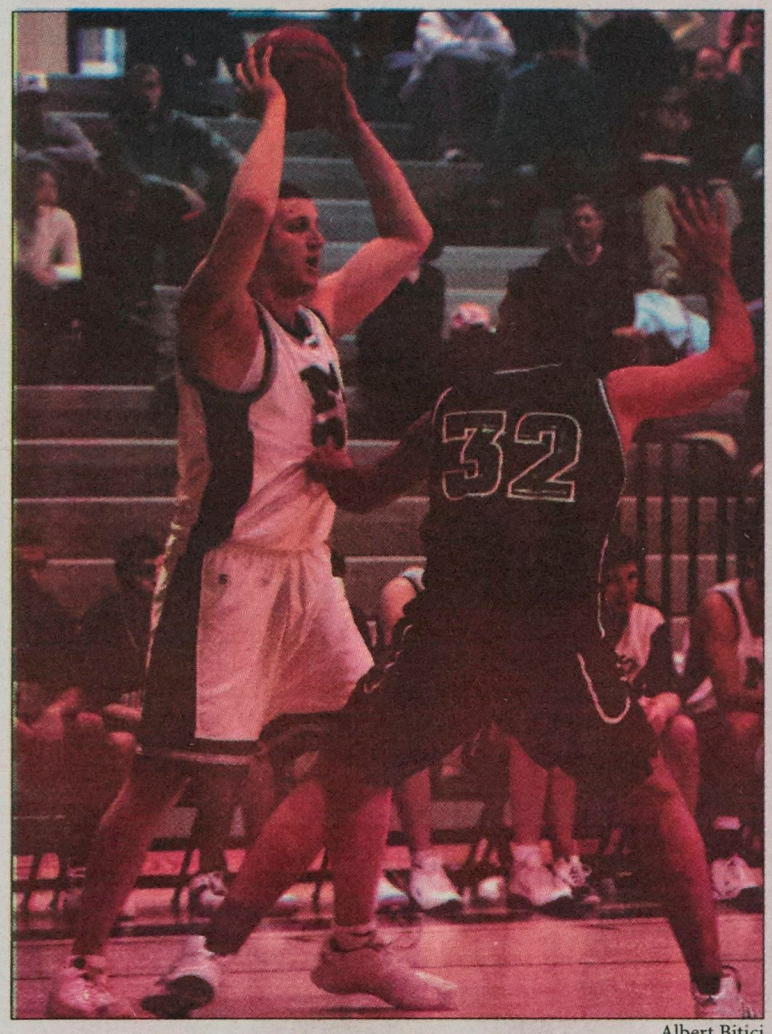
Middlebury bounced back offensively in a strong way, steamrolling past Tufts by the score of 7-0. "It was important to bounce back against Tufts," said Nugent. "But more important, was our response to Friday night's performance. It was important for us to come out and play our game. Get back to what makes us successful as a group."

MacIntyre scored two goals and added assist, while Graham scored two goals of his own, with Eric Lafreniere assisting on three goals. Graham was ejected from the game and suspended for the next game after getting into a fight in the third period with a Tufts player. Graham opened the scoring 7:02 into the first period to give the Panthers all the scoring they needed. MacIntyre rounded out the scoring with his second and third goals of the season with two third period goals. "

It was very important for us as a team to play the way we did on Saturday," said Lafreniere. Middlebury outshot Tufts by an astonishing 50-7 margin

"Being able to limit a team to 8 or 10 shots in a game needs everyone to play strong defensively," said MacIntyre. "Yen-I has been incredibly solid when he has been called upon, and he will need to continue to be for us to be successful."

The Panthers will face their toughest NESCAC weekend as they travel to Maine to face Bowdoin and Colby. "-The Maine weekend always presents great opportunity for our team to get better and play great competition," explained Nugent.



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First-year Mike Walsh looks to dish during this weekend's battles with Colby-Sawyer and Skidmore. The Panthers ended up dropping both.

Men's hoops drop a pair of nail-biters over the weekend

Struggles continue but not for lack of fight

By Eri Nosaka
Staff Writer

After tough losses to Plymouth State earlier this month, the Middlebury Panthers, failed to pull out a victory against Colby- Sawyer and Skidmore College. Both games were extremely close.

Men's Basketball

Thursday, January 6

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Saturday, January 8

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On January 6, the Panthers led from the beginning of the game until the remaining 12 minutes of the game. The Colby-Sawyer Chargers found an opportunity and grabbed it on a pair of free-throws which gave them a two point lead. Clark Read '05 led with 18 points and co-captain Adam Sinoway '05 had 13 points.

With a close score of 72-67, on January 8, Middlebury was defeated by Skidmore College. The Thoroughbreds led by a point at halftime and led by only two with one minute left of the game. However, after a pair of free throws with only 18 seconds left of the game, the Thoroughbreds sealed their victory.

Mike Salek '05 led the Panthers with 17 points, Read had 14 points and Mike Walsh '08 had 10 points. Throughout the game Middlebury struggled on the defensive side of the ball.

"We played hard but we just weren't able to get the rebounds. Skidmore just shot till they scored. In order to do well in the future, we're going to have to work on our rebounding, and just making more shots." said Salek.

It seems however, that this losing streak has yet to dampen the spirits of the players. Team morale is still high, and the players have yet to lose faith.

"We have had a couple of disappointing games but we have been able to rally around the seniors. The seniors have done a great job to make sure that everyone is staying positive for these upcoming important games. Coach Jeff Brown has also done a good job of pinpointing what each individual can improve on after games which has also helped a lot," said Read.

This Saturday the Panthers will play Connecticut College, which will be the first NESCAC team that they will play. Connecticut College, somewhat similar to Middlebury, has faced difficulties against numerous other colleges. Skidmore's win loss record going into the game on Saturday is 2-9. Hopefully the Middlebury Panthers will be able to commence their NESCAC season with a great start and defeat Connecticut College this Friday.